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Constitution

—OF THE—

ALABAMA COLORED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

This body shall be known as the Alabama Colored Bap't State Convention.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be the promotion of the gospel of Christ and general and ministerial education.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

This Convention shall consist of delegates sent by the Baptist churches and Associations composing this body, and individuals complying with the terms of admission.

ARTICLE IV—REPRESENTATION.

Associations and Churches holding and practicing the doctrine of Missionary Baptist churches may be represented as follows;

First Associations. An Association shall be entitled to one delegate by the payment of five dollars, and three dollars for each additional delegate.

Second, Churches. A church shall be entitled to one delegate by the payment of three dollars, and two dollars for each additional delegate. Individuals connected with any acceptable Baptist Church may be admitted to membership by the payment of one dollar, and to life membership by the payment of five dollars.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS.

The president is to preside at all meetings, sign all orders for Convention, and perform such other duties as are usually assigned to such officer. 2. The Vice-President is to preside in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as would be performed by the President. 3. The Recording Secretary is to keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Convention, and to read all communications. 4. The Corresponding Secretary is to do all communications for the Convention, write and sign orders for the payment of money, and to provide reduced rates for persons attending the Convention.

ARTICLE VI—STATE MISSION BOARD.

This Convention shall have a Board, known as the State Mission Board, consisting of seven persons named by the Convention, the Moderators of the Associations belonging to this body, and the officers of the Convention, whose duty it shall be to prosecute the mission work, and any other necessary business of the Convention. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII—TREASURER'S SECURITY.

The Treasurer shall give such security as shall be approved by the Convention. He shall keep a faithful account of all moneys received and paid out by him, and report the same at each annual session of the Convention. He shall pay out no money except by order of the Convention or State Mission Board, signed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII—BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

There shall be a Board known as the Board of Trustees, whose duty shall be to take charge of all properties belonging to the State Convention, and to have control of the educational work of the Convention. The Board shall consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected every year, as provided by the charter and shall serve three years.

ARTICLE IX—REPORTS OF BOARDS.

The State Mission Board and the Board of Trustees shall make annual reports of their respective works, make recommendations, and keep the Convention informed of the educational and religious condition of the field.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members at any annual meeting.

PROCEEDINGS.

UNIONTOWN, ALA. Dec. 8th 1897. The Thirtieth Annual Session of the Colored Baptist of Alabama, assembled according to appointment, in the first Baptist church, at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Rev. J. P. Barton, president of previous year's presiding, called the meeting to order and announced that following the program as submitted by committee, Rev. L. J. Green and N. Winston could conduct the devotional exercises. The audience led by Rev. Winston, sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say etc." Prayers followed, being offered by Revs. R. T. Schell, S. Barnett, S. M. Fisher, and E. B. Young. Rev. Winston read a part of Luke 15th. chapter. "Direct my footsteps," "Alas and did my Savior bleed," "Blessed be the Name" and other songs were sung. Dr. D. L. Moorhouse Field Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New York was introduced to the Convention and delivered an address which did much toward unifying the brethren. Among other things he said: "May we all feel that we are the Lord's trustees and trustees must serve the conditions of the trust imposed. We are one body, though many members; and as the sickness of the little finger, makes sickness of the whole body, so sin in the least one of you affects the health of all. Let us have no selfish motives. If any brother has come for any other purpose than for the glory of God he should go home."

Eleven o'clock having arrived, and the Introductory sermon being in order, Rev. S. L. Ross was appointed to lead the devotions, which he did by reading Romans 12. The Convention sang "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." Dr. M. Tyler then announced his text, Exodus 14:13-14 "And Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day," etc. Theme: Moses as an example.

1. His character as a servant. He believed that God's presence was with him and would be his sufficient and constant encouragement and support.

He appears dependent upon God, was meek and trustful.

2. He opposed and hindered. The foe, the wilderness, the moun-

tain and the sea surrounded while the people murmured. Only God was his hope and his encouragement.

3. He is constrained to service by his love for God. The man that loves God, can serve him under all circumstances. I am going you are coming. We fathers have begun a great work, lead on by the God who lead Moses. There was a time when we had only three men in the convention who could do our writing, viz: Revs. W. H. McAlpine, Holland Thompson and C. O. Boothe. See how many of you can now serve as clerk. What will you young people do with the gospel enterprises which have been given to you by your christian fathers? My cradle is 72 years behind me, but my tomb is just before and I feel that I am saying to you, farewell, farewell, farewell. Glorious discourse. "Rest for the weary" was sung. Dr. McAlpine lead in a fervent prayer. "Saviour more than life to me" was next sung.

The president announced the following as committee on enrollment: Associations—Rev. Wm. C. Bradford and P. S. L. Hutchins; Churches—Prof. R. B. Hudson and Rev. M. M. Archer; Life Members—Rev. I. T. Simpson; Sunday Schools and Conventions—Prof. C. M. Wells. The following is the enrollment made:

Associations:

Eufaula—Revs. J. D. Maddox, P. J. Johnson, R. T. Schell, D. S. Smith and Prof. C. M. Wells.

Mt. Pilgrim—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Dr. W. R. Pettiford, Rev. J. P. Orley.

Bethlehem—Revs. L. Brown, J. B. S. Boatwright, G. Lowe, N. Winston.

East Dallas—Revs. B. F. Baxter, Wm. Horasby.

Snow Creek—Revs. R. E. Brown, T. H. Herd.

Uniontown—Revs. Wm. Madison, C. J. Davis, W. H. Reddick.

Montgomery Antioch District—Rev. E. D. Jones,

Bowen East.—Rev. W. T. Mackey.

New Antioch Bethlehem—Revs. Wm. Bradford, J. A. Alston.

Marengo County—Revs. W. Shields, I. T. Thompson.

Col. Bethel—Rev. C. L. Robinson.

Town Creek—Rev. M. Ellington.

Alabama Midland—Rev. T. L. Lewis.

Lebanon—Rev. J. C. Archibold.

Hope Hill—Rev. M. H. Gilbert.

Needom Creek—Rev. J. C. Olliver.

Aburn District—Revs. I. T. Simpson, E. B. Young.

New Cahaba—Rev. J. H. Eason.

Dallas County—Revs. T. B. Goldsby, A. Waller, R. D. Vassar.

Shelby Springs—Rev. J. P. Barton.

Bessemer—Rev. G. S. Smith.

Mt. Calvary—Rev. S. J. Taylor.

Canaan Pickensville—Rev. J. W. T. Cuninghnam.

Blunt Springs Bethlehem—Revs. F. A. Chapman, H. S. Thompson.

Round Island Creek—Rev. J. H. Benningfield.

Autauga—Rev. A. J. Jones.

Flint River—Rev. F. A. Chapman.

Churches:

Mt. Zion, Anniston—Rev. A. A. Battle.

Mt. Moriah, Haynesville—Rev. L. P. Foster.

Hopewell, Marion—Rev. W. H. Reddick, Bro. Jno. Benjamin.

Spring Hill, Sawyerville—Rev. W. H. Reddick.

Eutaw, Eutaw—Rev. I. Dawson, J. W. Wiser.

Perryville, Perryville—Rev. R. Z. Deyampert, A. B. Myree,
Winfield Myree.

New Shiloh, Selma—Rev. R. Z. Deyampert, West Waugh.

New Hope, Oxford—Rev. Wm. Memds.

Mt. Sinai, Laineville—Rev. W. H. Huckabee.

Greenleaf, Scott Sta.—Rev. W. H. Huckabee.

Mt. Moriah, Pratt City—Rev. A. A. Scott.

Eagle Grove, Marion—Rev. A. W. Ragland.

Central, Massillion—Rev. A. W. Ragland.

Pernell Chapel, Bridges—A. W. Ragland.

Healing Springs, Birmingham—Rev. S. L. Belser.

Good Hope, Brown Sta.—Rev. Y. R. White, John. Billingsley.

Mt. Hilliard, Jemison—Rev. J. W. Witherspoon.

Mt. Carmel, Clinton—Rev. S. Burnett, B. Hufford.

Bethesda, Opelika—Rev. I. T. Simpson.

Sweet Pilgrim, Opelika—Rev. I. T. Simpson.

Ebenezer, Auburn—Rev. I. T. Simpson.

Pine Grove, Crumptonia—Rev. D. M. Coleman.

Woodlawn, Uniontown—Rev. B. R. Ross.

Morning Star, Ensley City—Rev. S. Lewis.

Lloyds' Chapel, Forkland—Rev. J. W. Matthews, H. G. Left-
wich.

Hebron, Uniontown—Rev. J. A. Martin, Sam'l. Finch.

African Bap't., Tuscaloosa—Revs. Wm. C. Bradford and G. H.
Washington.

1st, Bap't., Newberne—Bro. Ed. Morrisette, Rev. P. S. L.
Hutchins, A. B.

Red Mountain, Bessemer—Rev. G. S. Smith.

1st, Baptist, Uniontown—Rev. Wm. Madison, D. D.

Lacy—N. R. Nickerson.

Tabernacle, Selma—Deacons R. Hudson, C. S. Goldsby, Rev.
C. L. Fisher.

Faunsdale, Faunsdale—Prof. J. H. Martin, Rev. J. A. Martin.

Dexter Avenue, Montgomery—Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D.,

Hon. J. C. Leftwich.

Sixth Avenue, Birmingham—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

Elyton, Elyton—Rev. E. B. Young.

Shiloh, Birmingham—Rev. T. W. Walker, J. M. Ross.

1st, Baptist, N. Birmingham—Rev. J. A. Peel.

Bethel, Calera—Rev. W. T. Bibb, B. D.

Jerusalem, Bessemer—Rev. W. T. Bibb, B. D.

Shiloh, Selma—Rev. J. R. Scott.

Friendship, Lafayette—Rev. C. J. Davis.

1st, Baptist, Gainesville—Rev. J. B. S. Boatwright
 Jerusalem, Gainesville—Rev. J. B. S. Boatwright.
 1st, Baptist, Montgomery—Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Miss Har-
 die Martin.
 1st, Baptist, Brighton—Rev. L. J. Green.
 1st, Baptist, S. Birmingham—Rev. L. J. Green.
 New Asia, Coaling—Rev. S. J. Taylor.
 Harmony Street, Avondale—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.
 Berean, Marion—Rev. S. Jones.
 1st, African, Euclid—Rev. R. T. Pollard, C. M. Wells.
 New Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev. L. S. Steinback.
 Bethlehem, Gallion—Prof. N. W. Burks.
 Sardis, Birmingham—Rev. W. C. Owens.
 Evening Star, Demopolis—Rev. D. Brock.
 St Johns, Dolomite—Rev. W. T. Bibb, B. D.
 1st, Baptist, Prattville—Rev. D. Ware.
 2d, Baptist, Wetumpka—Rev. D. Ware.
 New Bride, Berlin—Rev. P. T. Bowden.
 Everdale, Selma—Rev. P. T. Bowden.
 16th Street, Birmingham—Bro. C. Carter.
 Jerusalem, Adamsville—Rev. J. P. O'Ryley.
 Pilgrim Rest, Matthew Sta.—Rev. W. E. Pleasant;
 Mt. Arrarat, Selma—Rev. T. B. Goldsby.
 Pleasant Hill, Perryville—Rev. C. M. Roberson.
 Hunter's Chapel, Laneville—Rev. J. H. Hunter.
 Pleasant Grove, Greensboro—Rev. H. Alexander.
 St. Paul, Greensboro—Rev. H. Alexander.
 New Hope, Birmingham—Rev. F. A. Chapman.
 Mt. Zion, Selma—Rev. E. C. Burroughs.
 Pleasant Grove, Sprotts—Rev. E. C. Burroughs;
 Gallilee, Anniston—Rev. H. C. Cade.
 St. James, Waugh—Rev. M. Davis.
 Day Street, Montgomery—Rev. T. C. Croom.
 1st, Baptist, Selma—Rev. C. J. Hardy.
 Franklin Street, Mobile—Rev. A. N. McEwen.
 Pilgrim, Matthews' Station—Rev. W. E. Pleasant.
 Antioch, Uniontown—Rev. J. D. Dudley.
 Concord, Selma—Rev. G. M. Jones.
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega—Rev. J. W. Goodgame.
 Oak Grove, Gallion—Rev. F. Jones.
 St. Paul, Uniontown—Rev. J. M. Olliver.
 Mt. Ararat—Tyler's—Rev. G. R. Rode.
 New Hope, Choctaw Corner—Rev. C. L. Robinson;
 Mt. Zion, Grove Hill—Rev. C. L. Robinson.
 Epsibah, Aldrich—By Letter.

Sunday Schools, Conventions, Societies, Eto.

State S. S. Convention—Profs. C. M. Wells, R. B. Hudson and
 E. W. Knight.
 Baptist Women State Convention—Messdames R. T. Pollard,
 Rebecca Pitts, M. E. Brown

Montgomery Antioch S. S. Convention—Rev. L. P. Mitchell.
 Alabama District S. S. Convention—Rev. S. Jones.
 Tabernacle Bap't. S. S.—R. B. Hudson, E. W. Knight.
 Woman's Missionary Society—Mesdames Elsie Williams and
 M. D. Duncan.

Lebanon Associational Union—Rev. Jas. Howard.

The roll of associations, churches, Sunday schools etc., being completed, the president announced the election of officers in order. After some discussion as to manner of election, it was decided to allow nomination speeches and vote by standing. Rev. Barton being nominated for the presidency, by motion Rev. Dr. Pettiford was asked to act as president during the election. The following were elected officers of the convention.

Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, President, I. Dawson, Vice-President, Prof. R. B. Hudson Recording Secretary, Rev. A. A. Battle Corresponding Secretary, Rev. I. T. Simpson Treasurer. By motion of Bro. J. C. Leftwich a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president Rev. Barton.

Benediction Rev. J. P. Barton.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

The convention re-assembled at 5:15 o'clock. "Blessed assurance Jesus is mine" was sung. A number of prayers were offered for the success of the convention. Dr. Pettiford was requested to install the officers of the convention which he did in a few well chosen words, urging upon each officer to consider well the responsibility of the office to which elected. Each officer responded with appropriate remarks. Rev. A. A. Battle read the program as prepared by the committee. By motion the program was adopted after making the following changes: 1st Instead of Thanksgiving sermon by Dr. C. O. Boothe on Thursday at 11 a. m., the American Baptist Home Mission Society be discussed by Dr. H. L. Moorehouse. 2nd, That a committee on digest of letters be appointed to receive letters instead of having them read.

The president announced the following committees:

Finance—Revs. Wm. C. Bradford, N. Winston, J. D. Maddox, Pros. Ad. Wimbs and E. W. Knight.

Sunday Schools—Prof. C. M. Wells, Revs. S. Jones, D. T. Guley, J. W. Wiser, R. B. Myree, G. Lowe, B. F. Baxter.

Alabama Baptist University—Revs. I. T. Simpson, C. J. Davis, W. M. Munds, R. Z. Deyampert, A. A. Scott, C. S. Goldsby, S. J. Taylor.

Baptist Leader—Revs. J. A. Martin, B. R. Ross, J. W. Matthews, Sam'l Finch, G. S. Smith, J. A. Alston, M. H. Gilbert.

Mission—Revs. P. S. L. Hutchins, D. M. Coleman, L. S. Steinback, R. T. Schell, A. W. Ragland, R. E. Brown, A. Waller.

New Bodies—Revs. T. W. Walker, E. W. Shields, Y. R. White, S. L. Belser, L. Brown, R. D. Vassar.

Time and Place—Revs. W. T. Coleman, W. T. Bibb, J. R. Scott, J. A. Peals, W. H. Huckabee, N. Myree, Dea. R. Hudson.

Resolutions—Revs. C. L. Fisher, G. H. Washington, E. B. Young, J. M. Ross, Dea. Ed. Morrisette.

Obituaries—Revs. J. P. Barton, W. C. Owens, J. W. Goodgame, John Billingley, J. I. Thompson, J. C. Olliver, Prof. N. W. Burk.

Temperance—Dr. C. O. Boothe, J. C. Leftwich, West Waugh, Revs. J. B. S. Boatwright, L. W. Calloway, L. P. Foster, John Benjamin.

Divine Services—Revs. W. M. Madison, D. G. Brock, D. D. Lacy N. R. Nickerson.

By motion Rev. Barton was appointed to respond in behalf of convention to remarks to be made at evening session by some white person. Revs. J. P. Barton, D. M. Coleman and W. T. Mackey, were appointed to look after reduced rates for those not securing certificates. The convention adjourned to re-assemble at 7:30 o'clock.

Benediction, Rev. B. G. Glover.

First Day—Evening Session.

Pursuant to adjournment Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, called the convention to order. An anthem—"Wait on the Lord" by the choir. Prayer, Dr. C. O. Boothe. Singing, "Happy in the love of Jesus" by the choir. Rev. W. M. Madison, pastor of the church, was introduced and delivered on behalf of the church, the address of welcome. Music, "Hallelujah Praise His Name" by the choir. Response, Rev. P. J. Johnson, Union Springs. Singing, "Trusting in the Lord," the choir. Col. T. G. Fowler was introduced and addressed the convention. According to action of afternoon session Rev. J. P. Barton responded. Music "Blessed Book" by the choir. Singing—"I love Thy Kingdom Lord." Rev. R. T. Schell read Matt. 23rd chap. and Rev. A. N. McEwen offered prayer. The president introduced Rev. J. D. Maddox as the preacher of the evening who took as his text Psalms 8:4, "What is man that thou should be mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him"? His subject being "Man." The sermon was forcible and was doubtless enjoyed by all. Singing, "Are you ready." Collection \$6 09.

Adjourned with benediction, Rev. D. M. Coleman.

Second Day—Morning Session.

UNIONTOWN, ALA., DEC. 9, 1897.

The Convention assembled at 9:10 o'clock with vice-president Dawson in the chair. Rev. D. M. Coleman conducted the devotional exercises. Singing—"There is a fountain filled with blood;" prayer by Rev. J. H. Garner. Dr. C. O. Boothe read 2nd, Cor. 11th, chapter. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Frazier.

The secretary read minutes of previous day which were approved. By motion the order of the day was suspended two minutes to allow the president to appoint a special committee on grievances.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Baptist University was read in the following order: Board's report—Dr.

L. L. Burwell, President's report—Dr. C. S. Dinkins, Boards explanation of the controversy that has been going on, by Dr. L. L. Burwell. The president announced the following as a special committee on grievance: Rev. Wm. M. Madison, J. Dawson, M. M. Archer, J. P. O'Riley, S. L. Ross, P. T. Bowden, C. Carter.

The time having arrived for the address from Dr. H. L. Moorehouse, he came forward and addressed the Convention on the "Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society." His was an excellent and forcible address. He said: "the Home Mission Society and the Baptists of Alabama were not strangers. The relation between you for the past 18 years has been the most pleasant and profitable. Its attitude is a helper only to those who help themselves. Its object being to develop self-help and self-reliance. The work among the colored people has been its largest work for the past twenty five years. Concentration of efforts on one Institution in each state, to make it permanent is the policy of the North and should be with you in the South. It has taken seventy five years and more for the white people with all their intelligence, experience and wealth to establish institutions on a permanent basis. It is well to have academies provided they do not divide the efforts from the central Institution. It is impossible for each association to have an academy. While there intentions are good, their efforts are wrong.

We have felt all along that the plan of co-operation was beneficial. We have accomplished more than ever before along the line of missionary work, and the third year will bring still greater results. The brethren in charge of the work are more competent and the people are understanding better its working. And now we come to the third year. If it can be made a pronounced success, we shall demand from the white brethren such respect as to continue for an indefinite period of this great mission work. I therefore charge you brethren, to stand shoulder to shoulder and to put more of your money, time and interest in the work, for we are now passing the most critical point."

By motion of Rev. McEwen a vote of thanks was extended to the Home Mission Society through Dr. Moorehouse and a collection was taken for the same. By motion the collection taken was made \$25.00. Singing, "Bless be the tie that binds."

Benediction, Rev. T. B. Goldsby.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Battle—special prayer for Bro. J. L. Fraizer, was offered by Dr. Dinkins, he, Bro. Frazier, having received a telegram which told of the critical illness of his child. Different passages of scripture were read and brethren were called upon to speak on them. The devotions being concluded, the president announced the discussion of the Board's report in order. Dr. C. O. Boothe addressed the Convention on the report. Upon Bro. Foster, requesting a few minutes to lay his claim before the Convention, by motion the or-

der of the day was suspended to hear from him. A proposition being made by Rev. Foster to donate \$20.00 of the \$72.89 due him by the Convention, if paid at once was accepted by the Convention. The rule was further suspended to hear from Mrs. R. T. Pollard, president Women's Convention, who was compelled on account of the sickness of her husband to return home the next day.

She made a forcible address and doubtless put the brethren to thinking more deeply upon the women's work.

By motion the Board's report be adopted by sections. The secretary read part one of the report which upon motion of Dr. C. O. Boothe was adopted. Pending the adoption the report was very warmly discussed. After a lengthy and heated discussion Rev. McEwen called for previous question and the report was adopted.

Part II. was next read by secretary. On motion of Rev. Barton the report was so amended as to say this Convention gives it hearty endorsement to the Board's plans for employment of teachers during the summer months. This report was discussed by the following: Revs. McEwen, Boothe, Bragg, Dr. Moorehouse, Revs. Winston and Mays, Brethren Wimbs, and Leftwich. By motion the previous question was put which resulted in the adoption of the report as amended. Singing, "Come ye that love the Lord."

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. N. McEwen.

Second Day—Evening Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock with Rev. I. Dawson, in the chair.

Singing, "A charge to keep I have;" prayer, Rev. S. T. Carter. Singing, "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove." The explanation of the Board's position came up for adoption. By motion it was agreed not to re-read said explanation; but to permit Rev. J. H. Eason, to reply to the explanation. After Rev. Eason's reply, the explanation was adopted and ordered printed in minutes as part of Board's report. By motion the Board's report was adopted as a whole. At this point a collection amounting to \$52.35 was taken for the Alabama Baptist University.

Anthem—"Be ready to enter the Golden Gate," by the choir. Rev. A. N. McEwen read the 90th Psalm. Prayer—Rev. Chapman. Singing, "God moves in a mysterious way." Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins was introduced to preach the Educational Sermon. He took as his text Hosea 4:6. "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge etc." Theme—"Education, its needs, power and results." He said: "Our highest aim in life should be to make the world better by our having lived in it. This is a century of mind. Knowledge is life but ignorance is death. Better have a man who reads in a stammering manner but filled with the Holy Spirit, than to have a highly educated man whose life is not seasoned with the Holy Ghost. So many preachers are seeking popular applause, preaching to please men rather than God; following each other for selfish motives and because of friendship. The time has come when we want men to stand to men only when in the right. Men who are not afraid to preach the unadulterated

word of God—men to stand in the gateway and lift high the light that a sinful world may see the reflection of our Lord and his Christ." Brother Hutchins' sermon was practical and well seasoned with the word of God.

Singing, "Go preach my Gospel." Prayer—Dr. H. L. Moorehouse. By motion of Bro. J. C. Leftwich, class No. 1. of the Board of Trustees whose time expired Nov. 1897, be re-elected as class No. 5, time to expire Nov. 1902. Bro. J. C. Leftwich offered a resolution relative to Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins leaving the State. It was amended so as to include Rev. S. A. Rivers; adopted—see resolutions. "Come ye that love the Lord," was sung. The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.

Third Day—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Peals who sang, "O for a closer walk with God" and lead in prayer. Rev. W. C. Owens read 7th Psalms and made appropriate remarks. Several brethren took part by way of prayer and remarks. The vice-president called the house to order and after singing "Come thou fount of every blessing" the journal of the previous day was read and approved. Upon a statement by Dr. C. S. Dinkins of the valuable assistance rendered him in his work by the Eutaw Blade, Rev. I. Dawson Editor, Eufaula Herald, Prof. C. M. Wells Editor, The Southern Watchman, Rev. A. N. McEwen Editor, The Alabama Citizen, Rev. W. T. Bibb Editor, a motion was made by Rev. C. L. Fisher to extend a vote of thanks to said journals. The order of the day was suspended ten minutes to hear a resolution by Dr. W. H. McAlpine pertaining to assassination of Prof. P. H. Patterson of Montgomery Ala., which resolution was adopted—see resolution.

Brothers J. T. Prince and Ad Wimbs spoke on the resolution.

Prof. H. B. Jordan was introduced to the Convention. After making a few remarks, he read a poem on the Convention which he had prepared. By motion it was decided to have the poem appear in the minutes. A collection at this point to the amount of \$25 25 was taken for the Alabama Baptist University. Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins became a life member by the payment of \$5 00. The time having arrived for report of the State Mission Board, Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins read the Boards report. Rev. J. H. Eason read the report pertaining to the Baptist Leader. Then Dr. C. O. Boothe, presented an illustration of the manner of procedure in giving instruction in the New Era Institute work. While he was writing his outline on the black board the Convention sang, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me."

The outline given below and the development were pointed ra-
cy, and clear.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

1st His Personality— (a) As appeareth in the Old Testament

(b) As appears in the New Testament. 2nd. His Work— (a) As a light giver. (b) As a comforter. (c) As a teacher.

The good to the brethren from the lecture was inestimable. From the demonstration it was apparent that every thought was clinched by the Holy Spirit. Following the blackboard exercises, came the report of the Treasurer of the State Mission Board presented by Rev. C. J. Davis. Upon a motion to adopt the report of the State Mission Board, it was discussed by the following brethren, Revs. D. T. Gully, F. A. Chapman, A. A. Battle, and Ad Wimbs. An amendment was moved to the adoption of the report to the effect that the part which refers to the contract of the Trustee Board and Baptist Leader upon the "Voice" material and the removal of the Leaders office be eliminated. After a very heated discussion an amendment was offered that the matter be left in the hands of an arbitration committee. Pending the adoption of these motions the house adjourned for dinner. "I love thy Kingdom Lord" was sung. Benediction by Rev. A. W. Ragland.

Third Day—Afternoon Session.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment with Pres. Wilhite in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. L. Ross, S. S. Missionary. The debate on the Board's report was resumed. Dr. Dinkins gained the floor during the discussion and said there was something better than a contract—The Spirit of Christ. If the "Leader" come into line with the work there will be no need of the "Voice." I would rather not have the "Voice," for it simply means more work for me, if the "Leader" can be utilized for the good of the Institution. Let us be united. At this point Rev. J. H. Eason arose and extended his hand to Dr. Dinkins with the words "I am done with it," referring to the past controversy, and they shook hands amid the great applause of the audience. Rev. Fisher uniting them in bonds of peace to be held forever sacred. Then it was that a lieu motion to all previous amendments prevailed that the report be adopted.

Rev. C. L. Fisher read the report of the committee on resolutions. The report was adopted by numbers. The resolution on the Bapt. Publication Society was so amended as to include the National Baptist Publishing Board in Nashville Tenn. Pending the adoption of the 7th. Rev. S. M. Fisher made appropriate remarks. Revs. A. F. Owens, A. N. McEwen, J. P. Barton, C. L. Fisher, and others made remarks approving of Rev. Fisher's work as an evangelist. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on Time and Place was made, presenting invitations from the African Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, and the Berean Baptist, Marion. The Convention voted to hold its next session in Tuscaloosa.

Upon a proposition made by Rev. J. T. Prince to give the Convention \$36.00 of the \$136.00 due him, if paid now, the Convention by motion authorized the Board to pay the claims of Rev. J. T. Prince, D. T. Gully, and P. S. L. Hutchins, as much of the

money due them as can be done under the present financial conditions. The committees report on Sunday Schools was adopted (See report)

The report of the committee on Alabama Baptist University was adopted. (see report) Rev. I. T. Thompson offered a resolution pertaining to State rallies which was adopted. (see resolutions.)

On motion of Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., the State Mission and Trustee Boards were authorized to take in hand the resolutions pertaining to State rallies, systematize the matter of State finance and publish the results. The following brethren were elected members of the State Mission Board. Revs. D. T. Gully, C. J. Davis, A. N. McEwen, J. R. Scott, M. M. Archer, L. P. Foster.

The report of committee on Divine services was read and adopted. The following communication, which on motion of Rev. A. F. Owens, was ordered to appear in minutes, was read by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins:

Louisville, Ky. Dec. 7th. 1897., To the Baptists of Alabama in Convention assembled. Dear Brethren: At this writing Brethren Jackson and Tule and Sister Branton are well on their way to Africa. Sad to say, they went without money to build the chapel. We have a little for the purpose which will follow on. Will you make a special effort at your session and direct to Rev. R. A. Jackson, Capetown, South Africa? With what you send we hope to have at least \$500 on the way by Christmas day. Our effort to raise \$2500 only resulted in about \$700. The yellow fever and general hard times contributed much to this, but the ungodly complaining and insinuation of some of our papers have done us greater harm. Your Board begs your prayers and help. We herewith send you copies of our districting plans. Hoping you will see your way clear to adopt or endorse them, We are Yours in His name,

L. G. Jordan.

By motion, the request from Rev. Jordan, be referred to the State Mission Board. By motion it was decided to take a collection for Foreign Missions after the sermon to-night. The committee on New Bodies through its chairman, reported (see report)

The committee on obituary reported. By motion a committee consisting of Drs. W. H. McAlpine, W. R. Pettiford, and Rev. Wm. C. Bradford, be appointed to examine the rules of order published by Rev. J. P. Barton. By special permission Rev. J. T. Prince was allowed to speak of the amount due him by the State Mission Board. By motion the settlement of claims of missionaries be reconsidered, to bring Rev. Prince's matter properly before the Convention. By motion of Rev. M. M. Archer it was decided to supplement the appropriation from State Mission Board so as to make Rev. Prince's amount \$35.00.

By motion of Dr. Pettiford, sister J. R. England was given sister Pollard's place on program, she having spoken, to speak of the

Colored Orphan's Home recently started in Birmingham. Sister England was introduced to the Convention. Prof. B. H. Peterson was introduced. Singing "Come ye that love the Lord." Rev. Peterson read the 9th Psalm.

Prayer—Rev. E. B. Young.

Singing—"In all my Lord's appointed ways."

Rev. J. H. Eason was introduced to preach the Missionary sermon. He took as his text, Mark 16:15 "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Requisites of Readiness, 1st. Knowledge of the Word, 2nd. Endowment of the Holy Ghost. The first thing to do is to get ready. I recommend you first to go get the gospel, then give it to the people. Peter, the Hermit preached the Crusade, Columbus preached the discovery of America, John Brown preached abolitionism, but we are to preach the gospel. The gospel brings to the depraved soul a friend. Christ's name makes to leap the heart of both Greek and Barbarian." Rev. Eason's sermon was scholarly, profound and logical.

Prayer—Rev. W. T. Mackey. Singing—"Go preach my gospel" Collection for Foreign Missions \$8.55. Rev. T. W. Walker agreed to make the collection \$10.00 when he returned home. A special collection was taken for Rev. A. Z. Wilson.

By motion \$250.00 of the money on hand be paid to Dr. C. S. Dinkins for settlement of some pressing claims of the University. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. P. Barton.

Fourth Day—Morning Session.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention re-assembled at 9:30 o'clock Saturday, with Pres. J. Q. A. Wilhite presiding. Rev. W. T. Mackey conducted the devotional services. Singing—"So for a closer walk with God." Prayer—Rev. D. M. Coleman. Singing—"Blest be the tie that binds." "Paul's attitude to the gospel, to all men and to himself." 1 Cor. 9:15-27 was the subject of the scripture lesson by Dr. C. O. Boothe. Prayer—Father John Green. Singing—"Lord in the morning we shall hear."

The president ordered the reading of the minutes of previous day which was done and the minutes stood approved. By motion of Dr. Boothe the order of the day was so suspended as to allow Dr. R. H. Boyd, representative of the National Baptist Publishing Board to speak from 11 to 11:30 o'clock. The committee on missions through its chairman made its report. The report was discussed by Drs. Boothe and Pettiford. The following was announced as committee on claims and accounts: Revs. Wm. Madison, Wm. Stephens, S. M. Fisher, L. W. Calloway, L. S. Steinback.

Dr. W. H. McAlpine, Revs. M. M. Archer, J. H. Eason, J. Q. A. Wilhite and Hon. John C. Leftwich were named as a special committee to visit the legislature with reference to changing the name of the University. Communications from Rev. Northcross and Dr. L. L. Burwell were read. By motion the letters and donations were received, and the secretary was ordered to write to them the thanks of the Convention.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Sec. Nat. Pub. Board was introduced and addressed the Convention. He said: "Perhaps I should not seem to waste your precious time in turning your attention to my one idea. I am a crank possibly, but I am of the opinion that this world must be run by cranks. In other words the man of one idea is the man of power. I believe this, and therefore I act on one idea. I bear to you the greetings of the National Baptists Convention. We had in Boston a good meeting, but it was not best to go to Boston, for the white people of the North do not understand Negro life. We have first a Foreign Board, which brother Jordan is leading as he works himself to death under misunderstandings and abuses, because of which he will soon join Simmons, Luke and Vann in the other world. 2nd. The Educational Board is led by Dr. Bishop Johnson. 3rd. The Home Mission Board of which I am secretary.

I am not against the publication society. We can never know what good has been accomplished in our behalf by this society. They deserve our gratitude forever. But we must make literature for ourselves, for the reason that only Negro persons can express Negro history and experience. We must make our own books or else we shall never be expressed.

We don't fight the American Baptist Publication Society. If there was a disposition on our part to fight or stop patronizing this great society it would be fifty years from now before we could do so". After answering some questions concerning the writers for the teacher, he concluded his address. The address was simple, and practical and enjoyed by all.

Having received the needed information, Rev. W. T. Coleman offered a resolution pertaining to Rev. J. T. Brown, one of the writers for the National Baptist Publishing Board, which was adopted. (see resolution)

Sister J. R. England was introduced and addressed the Convention on the "Orphan's Home" recently started in Birmingham. She made a very touching address on behalf of the little orphans who wander the streets, and made an excellent impression for the "Home." A collection of \$1.02 was taken for the "Home."

Rev. S. L. Ross, S. S. Missionary addressed the Convention on the work of the Publication Society. By motion of Rev. Ross \$5.00 was donated to the Society.

Prof. C. M. Wells made a statement concerning the burning of the Eufaula Bapt. High School. By motion of Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, a special collection of \$2.50 was taken for the school. On motion of Rev. Hutchins \$5.00 was donated to the National Bapt. Pub. Board and \$5.00 to the Baptist Leader.

The secretary read a communication from Rev. R. T. Pollard in which he asked the Convention to pay Bro. R. B. Hudson \$5.00 for compiling the statistics of the Convention, as he was sick and unable to do the work.

By motion the request was granted and Bro. Hudson received the \$5.00.

The secretary read the statistical report. The committee on

Barton's rules of order reported. The Finance committee through its chairman Rev. Bradford submitted a partial report. The committee on Temperance made its report in the form of a resolution, (see resolutions on temperance.) Rev. A. F. Owens offered a resolution on the Eufaula Academy, which was adopted. On motion of Rev. Hutchins \$100.00 was set aside for printing and distributing minutes. On motion of Rev. Bradford the secretary was paid \$20.00. On motion the sexton was paid \$5.00 By motion 2000 minutes were ordered printed. By motion the remainder of money on hand and all to be collected be given to Selma University. Bro. Archibald of Pickens County Association was introduced, and addressed the Convention.

Rev. Owens offered resolutions of thanks which were adopted. By motion of Rev. Owens, a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, the president, for his satisfactory ruling.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet Wednesday before the 4th. Sunday in November 1898 with the African Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Thus ended the Convention, which session has been looked forward to with much interest, as one of the most critical in the history of the Alabama Baptist, yet it was harmonious and peaceable. Differences being buried and the Baptists brought more in touch and sympathy one with the other.

Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, President.

R. B. Hudson, Rec. Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

BRO. PRESIDENT:—We your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report: We have collected at this session, from associations, churches, Sunday Schools, individuals, societies and public collections the sum of \$528.05.

RECEIPTS.

From Associations.....	\$ 182 25	From Churches.....	\$ 202 50
" Annual membership..	18 00	" S. S. and Societies.....	4 50
" Sp'cl col. Col'd. Orp'o.	4 02	" Sundays public col.....	10 00
" " Home Mis. So.	7 39	" Eufaula Bap't. Academy	2 50
" " Foreign Mis...	8 55	" Wom. Dist. Convention	
" " for Uni.....	81 19	1st. Mt. Pleasant Association,	
" " for Rev. A. Z.		Dayton.....	5 00
Wilson.....	2 15		
		Total amount.....	528 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

To University.....	\$ 270 00	To Home Mission	\$ 25 00
" Eufaula Academy.....	2 50	" Col. Orphanage, B'ham..	1 62
" Am. Bap't. Pub. So.....	5 00	" Acc'ts and claims.....	10 00
" Secretary for service....	20 00	" Sexton.....	5 00
" Baptist Lender.....	5 00	" Nat. Bap't. Pub. Board.	5 00
" Rev. J. T. Prince.....	18 00	" Prof. R. B. Hudson for	
" Rev. L. P. Foster.....	52 89	statistics.....	5 00
		Total amount.....	427 41
		Balance on hand.....	100 64

ASSOCIATIONS.

Shady Grove.....	5 00	Needom Creek.....	2 00
East De Has.....	8 00	Rushing Springs.....	5 00
Marengo County.....	8 00	Montgomery Assoc.....	10 00
Good Samaritan.....	5 00	Alabama Midland District..	4 00
New Hope.....	5 00	Mt Calvary.....	4 00
Bessemer.....	5 00	Round Island Creek.....	5 00
Hope Hill.....	6 75	Dallas County.....	5 00
Shelby Springs.....	5 00	Colored Bethlehem.....	5 00
Bowen East.....	5 00	Flint River.....	2 00
Eufaula District.....	15 00	Town Creek.....	5 00
Uniontown.....	10 00	Auburn.....	5 00
Snow Creek.....	5 00	Union District.....	5 50
Rehoboth.....	5 00	New Calvary.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00	Alabama Dist.....	5 00
Mount Pleasant.....	4 00	Union Association.....	2 00
Lebanon Asso. (Vouched for		Auburn District.....	5 00
by Rev. J. C. Archibald \$2.,	3 00		

CHURCHES.

Everdale, Selma.....	2 00	Woodlawn, Uniontown.....	1 00
Jerusalem, Adonville.....	2 00	Perryville, Perryville.....	3 00
Mt Ararat, Tyler.....	2 00	New Shiloh, Selma.....	3 00
Good Hope, Brown Sta.....	5 00	Tabernacle, Selma.....	5 00
Mt Zion, Anniston.....	7 00	Sixth Avenue, Birmingham	10 00
Mt Moriah, Pratt City.....	2 00	Bethlehem, Gallion.....	3 00
Pleasant Hill, Perryville....	1 00	Evening Star, Demopolis....	1 75
Mt Sinai, Laneville.....	3 00	1st, Baptist, Uniontown.....	7 00
Green Leaf, Scotts Station..	1 50	New Hope, Oxford.....	3 00
1st, African Tuscaloosa.....	3 00	Pine Grove, Crumptonia....	1 00
1st, Baptist, Newberne.....	5 00	New Hope, Birmingham....	1 00
New Asia, Coaling.....	2 00	Mt Hebron, Blessburg.....	2 00
Pilgrim, Matthew Sta.....	1 00	Sardis, Ishkooda.....	1 50
Sardis, Birmingham.....	1 50	Berean, Marion.....	2 00
Hunter's Chapel, Laneville..	3 00	Dexter Avenue, Montgomery	10 00
Pleasant Grove, Greensboro..	2 50	Healing Springs.....	3 00
St Paul, Greensboro.....	3 00	Lloyd Chapel.....	3 00
1st, Baptist, S. Birmingham	1 50	Bethel, Calera.....	5 00
1st, Baptist, Brighton.....	1 50	Mt Zion, East Lake.....	3 00
Gallilee, Anniston.....	3 00	New Bride, Berlin.....	2 50
Mt Zion, Selma.....	1 00	Eutaw, Eutaw.....	2 00
Day Street, Montgomery..	1 50	Morning Star, Ensley City..	2 00
Columbus St., Montgomery	3 00	Red Mountain, Bessemer....	1 00
Faunsdale, Faunsdale.....	3 00	Concord, Selma.....	1 00
Sixteenth St., Birmingham	1 00	Jerusalem, Bessemer.....	3 00
Mt Carmel, Clinton.....	1 50	St. John, Dolomite.....	50
1st, Baptist, N. Birmingham	2 00	New Morning Star, Demopolis	2 00
Franklin St., Mobile.....	2 50	Mt Canaan, Talladega.....	3 00
Mt Moriah, Hayneville.....	3 00	Shiloh, Birmingham.....	10 00
Eagle Grove, Marion.....	2 00	Epiphany, Aldrich.....	2 00
Central, Massillon.....	1 00	Mt Calvary, Uniontown....	2 00
Bernell Chapel, Bridges.....	1 00	Shiloh, Selma.....	2 00
St Paul, Uniontown.....	2 00	Green Street, Selma.....	2 00
Union, Mobile.....	3 00	Oak Grove, Gallion.....	1 00
Mt Ararat, Selma.....	2 00	Pilgrim Rest, Grena.....	1 75
Springfield, Sawyerville....	2 00	2nd, Baptist, Wetumpka....	1 00
Hopewall, Marion.....	5 00	1st, Baptist, Prattville.....	1 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES.

New Morning Star Mission- ary Society, Demopolis.....	3 00	Tabernacle S. S., Selma....	1 50
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ANNUAL MEMBERS.

The following paid \$1.00 for life membership:

Rev. W. T. Coleman, B. D., Selma	Rev. S. M. Fisher, Bay St Louis Miss
Bro. S. B. Allen, Opelika.....	Rev. S. C. Carter, Old Spring Hill
Rev. W. S. Stratman, Selma.....	Rev. W. E. Sharp, Demopolis....
Rev. J. H. Garner, Selma.....	Rev. M. M. Archer, Tuskegee....
Rev. A. E. S. Hert, Demopolis....	Rev. D. M. Morrit, Brookside....
Rev. L. P. Mitchell.....	Rev. A. J. Golding, Uniontown....
Rev. S. Ware, Selma.....	Rev. U. W. Ward, Brown Sta.....
Bro. S. M. May, Coontopa.....	Rev. J. M. Olliver, Uniontown....
Rev. L. W. Calloway, Ft. Deposit	Rev. W. E. Northcross, Tuscumbia

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SELMA UNIVERSITY.

The following individuals contributed \$1.00 to Selma University:

N. Winston, Bodka.....	J. L. Erazier, Mobile.....
Wm. Monds, Anniston.....	E. W. Knight, Selma.....
J. C. Leftwich, Montgomery	J. Q. A. Willbitt, Blount....
W. C. Owens, Birmingham..	Ad. Wimbs, Greensboro....
C. L. Fisher, Selma.....	W. H. Reddick, Greensboro
S. L. Ross, Birmingham....	W. T. Coleman, Selma.....

Wm. Madison, Uniontown.
 Ed. Scott, Gullion.....
 I. S. Thompson, Dayton....
 O. S. Dinkins, Selma.....
 I. T. Simpson, Opelika.....
 R. B. Hudson, Selma.....
 B. S. Ross, Uniontown.....
 R. T. Pollard, Selma.....
 J. H. Eason, Selma.....
 R. Hudson, Selma.....
 B. F. Baxter, Polk.....
 Wm. C. Bradford, Tuscalo'sa
 M. Ellington, Ft. Davis....
 A. N. McEwen, Mobile.....
 W. H. McAlpine, Montgm'y
 C. S. Goldsby, Selma... ..
 Simon Jones, Uniontown....
 J. W. Burwell, Dayton.....
 J. H. Garner Selma.....
 Wm. Madison, Jr., Uniont'n
 L. L. Burwell, Selma,
 P. S. L. Hutchins, Columbus
 Georgia 6 00

I. Dawson, Eutaw.....
 Wm. Walker, Avondale.....
 Y. H. T. Beddingfield Athens
 T. A. Chapman, Flint.....
 J. C. Archibald, Bridgeville.
 G. S. Smith, Birmingham.,
 G. Lowe, Livingston.....
 I. S. Jones, Greensboro.....
 H. G. Leftwich, Forkland,,
 S. Lewis, Ensley City.....
 S. A. Rivers, Meridian, Miss
 L. B. Crum, Montgomery.,
 A. F. Owens, Mobile.....
 L. F. Jackson.....
 R. R. Richey, Pickensville.,
 R. R. DeYampert, Perryv'le
 D. T. Gulley, Greensboro.,
 J. H. Billingsley, Brown Sta
 W. R. Pettiford, B'ham.... 2 50
 T. W. Walker, B'ham..... 3 00
 J. R. Scott, Selma..... 2 00
 W. W. Waugh..... 50

NOTE:—Since the adjournment of the Convention I have received the following amounts from Rev. R. T. Pollard, ex-secretary:

Balance from 1886-87.....	\$ 3 85
From Canaan Pickensville Association.....	5 00

Total amount,..... \$ 8 85
 R. B. HUDSON, SECRETARY.

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

MR. PRESIDENT:—We the committee on accounts recommend the following claims: Rev. J. P. Barton for letters and telegrams \$5.75; Rev. W. M. Madison \$3.50; Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins .50.

Committee { Revs. W. M. Madison, S. M. Fisher,
 { W. M. Stephens, L. W. Calloway,
 { L. S. Steinback.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Revs. S. A. Rivers and P. S. L. Hutchins have been called to pastorate in other states, Meridian, Miss., and Columbus, Ga, respectively, and whereas they have rendered valuable services in this state in all departments of our denominational work, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That we reluctantly give them up.

Resolved 2nd, That we hereby bear testimony to their inestimable worth as christian gentlemen, gospel ministers and denominational leaders.

Brd, That we commend them to the christian sympathy and support of those among whom they may labor; praying Divine blessings upon them and their work.

J. C. Leftwich.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. T. Pollard, ex-recording secretary of this Convention, and general missionary under joint appointment of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Southern Baptist

Convention, White Baptist State Convention of Alabama, and the Ala. Col. Baptist State Convention, has been prevented by sickness from attending this session of the Convention, and

WHEREAS this is the first session of the Convention from which he has been absent in nine years, evincing his deep interest in the work of the Baptist of this state, be it

Resolved 1st, That we extend our sympathy to him in his afflictions.

2nd, That we pray Divine support for him in his affliction, and for his speedy recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Fisher.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees and honored president of the Alabama Baptist Colored University have proven capable and efficient in the management of the affairs of the University, and

WHEREAS during the past year they have been caused some annoyance and perplexity by unpleasant and harmful criticisms upon their work, and

WHEREAS such criticisms set us in an unfavorable light before the religious world, indicating that we are divided and fighting among ourselves, be it therefore

Resolved 1st, That we pledge our hearty support in its efforts to maintain a reputable institution for the Baptist of Alabama.

2nd, That we withhold our sympathy and help from any brother, or set of brethren who unjustly attempt to defeat them in the successful operation of their plans.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Fisher.

WHEREAS the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., and the National Publishing Board of Nashville, Tenn. are the only Bible and missionary societies for Baptists, and

WHEREAS they are doing an untold amount of good for Baptist churches, Sunday Schools and the Baptist ministry,

Resolve, therefore, That the Alabama Baptist State Convention assembled in the town of Uniontown, Ala., endorse these societies and pledge its moral and financial support thereto.

S. L. Ross.

WHEREAS the American Baptist Home Mission Society has been successfully operating among us, both in missionary and educational work for a number of years, and has always manifested a deep interest in us, evidenced by the missionaries who in previous years, as well as now under the co-operative plan, have worked among us partly or wholly supported by that Society, by our school at Selma, part of whose property was paid for by the A. B. H. S. and some of whose teachers, have been wholly or in part paid by it; and last but not least by their compliance in the midst of this school year with a special request to increase the appropriation to our school \$272.00 to meet pressing needs due to the yellow fever panic, be it therefore

Resolved 1st. That we pledge anew our support of the Society in its work.

2nd, That we express our gratitude, for their liberal gifts, their wise counsel, and profound interest manifested.

Respectfully,

C. L. Fisher.

Whereas the name of our University is ungrammatical and clumsy, and

WHEREAS the Institution is styled a University,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to memorialize the Legislature or General Assembly to change the name to Selma University; and that the power to confer all honorary degrees that are conferred by such Institutions of this country be stated in the charter.

J. H. Eason.

WHEREAS, Rev. S. M. Fisher has been and is now laboring with success in this State in the evangelistic work, and,

WHEREAS, he is desirous of helping to enlarge the borders of the churches, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the preaching of the gospel is the only means of teaching God's will to men, be it

Resolved, That we endorse the work of Rev. Fisher and commend him and his work to the brotherhood of the State. That he be recommended to the favorable consideration of the State Mission Board in connection with the mission work in the State.

C. M. Wells.

WHEREAS, we are anxious to do those things that will redound to greater success in our educational work, and

WHEREAS, one of the means used heretofore and the forces employed to assist in the accomplishment of the desired ends is the ministry, and since that special department for instruction of ministers is mixed with the other department, that is the instructors are the same, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Convention that a special instructor be employed for this department.

Resolved that we feel that The Board of Trustees will act wisely to select Dr. C. O. Boothe as their instructor, or some other suitable man to do this work.

C. M. Wells.

WHEREAS, we see the importance of doing a thorough missionary work in the State,

Resolve, That we recommend the Associations of the State to do a joint missionary work with general co-operative plan under State missionaries. Through their Board and co-operative missionary, plans be arranged to do their mission work.

Resolved, That a collection for general State work be taken on every fifth Sunday in the year.

I. T. Simpson.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

WHEREAS, we have heard with pleasure and profit the pointed

and practical address of Mrs. J. R. England of Birmingham, representing the proposed Orphan Home to be established in Birmingham, therefore be it resolved, That it is the sense of the Convention that the proposition to establish an Orphan Home in Birmingham, is feasible, timely and necessary.

That we tender our moral support and assure Mrs. England of our practical co-operation in the great work in which she is engaged. That the doors of our churches will be ever open to Mrs. England and others representing her work.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. T. Brown of Montgomery has been involved in a trouble which is offensive to the christian brotherhood of Alabama, and

WHEREAS, He is a writer for the literature of the National Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, We regard his connection with the literature such as will injure its reputation in Ala., therefore be it

Resolved, That the Alabama Baptist Convention in session enter a protest against Rev. J. T. Brown, being retained as a writer for the National Baptist Publishing Board.

W. T. Coleman.

WHEREAS, On the 28th day of July in the year of our Lord 1897 in the Baptist Congress held in the Columbus St. Baptist church, Montgomery, Alabama, Prof. P. H. Patterson was brutally and inhumanly murdered, and

WHEREAS, Prof. P. H. Patterson was a teacher in the State Normal School at Montgomery, Ala., a member of one of the Baptist churches at Montgomery, Ala., a christian gentleman of the very highest type, a loyal citizen—an earnest and faithful worker of his race and of the church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, This most horrible tragedy is a blazing and a most shameful disgrace upon civilization, upon us as a race, upon the good people of Montgomery, and upon the Baptist denomination in Ala., and in the city of Montgomery, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the Col. Baptist State Convention assembled in the city of Uniontown, Ala., on this the 9th of Dec. 1897, do most emphatically condemn this untimely and inhuman murder of Prof. P. H. Patterson as an outrage upon humanity—upon civilization and upon christianity.

Resolve 2nd. That in the death of Prof. P. H. Patterson, the State of Ala., the State Normal School, the Dexter Ave. Baptist church and the Baptist denomination of Ala., have lost a most valuable man, who fell in the defense of the virtue home and the purity of the pulpit.

Resolved 3rd. That we will do all in our power individually and collectively to prevent the re-occurrence of such deeds.

That we pledge ourselves to expose to the civil authorities any one known to come to any of our annual meetings with deadly weapons.

Resolved 4th. That the Convention spend 30 minutes in memorial services in memory of our beloved and departed dead.

Resolved 5th. That we tender to the grief stricken wife and little fatherless child our deepest heartfelt sympathy and prayers, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

EUFULA ACADEMY.

WHEREAS, we have heard with regret the loss sustained by the Eufaula Baptist Academy in the total destruction of the building which had been purchased by the self-sacrificing people of Eufaula and of the Eufaula District Association, and

WHEREAS, the wise management of that Academy under the leadership of Prof. U. M. Wells has reflected credit upon the Baptist denomination and the good people of Eufaula, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Convention that the principal and manager of the said Academy has our profound sympathies in their struggles for the means for the erection of another building, and that we endorse the appeal of said Academy to the benevolent people of all who may hear of the loss sustained.

OBITUARIES.

Mr. President—We beg leave to submit the following report:

After taking a careful review of the deceased ministers of the State of Alabama at our last annual session, we find that Rev. F. Gilbert of Vandorn, Ala., J. Allen of Forkland, I. Brizzell of Arden, G. W. Boone of Bibb County, Geo. Tenholm, Calera, and Joe Dims of Harding, have passed out of this life into eternity. And whereas, we recognize the faithfulness of these brethren in laboring with us for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, and we very much regret the loss of them from the ranks of the ministry, therefore be it

Resolved, That we in Convention bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, who doeth all things well.

2nd. That this report be spread upon the faces of our minutes and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Committee } Revs. J. P. Barton, W. C. Owens,
A. A. Scott, Geo. Billingsly,
J. I. Thompson, J. C. Oliver.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Bro. President—We your committee on S. S. work submit the following report. That, we find that there is a greater interest manifested in this work than heretofore.

The reports given by the many District conventions show that there is great increase in the attendance of our Sunday Schools. We find that their contributions are very good. The missionary feature is growing in our Sunday school work. We urge the pastors to do all they can to push forward this work. Your committee finds that a good many of our Sunday schools are us-

ing the Literature of the National Baptist Publishing Board. Your committee endorses the Board and its publications at Nashville. Your committee does not undervalue the work of the American Baptist Publication Society, but urge our schools to patronize our National Board at Nashville.

Committee { Revs. S. Jones, D. T. Gulley,
J. W. Wiser, R. B. Myree,
G. Lowe, Prof. C. M. Wells.

ALABAMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

Bro. President—Your committee on Alabama Baptist University ask to submit the following report: That

Whereas, the Ala. Bapt. University is the pride and great beacon light of the Baptists of Ala.: And

Whereas, this school is our principal school in this State where Baptist ministers and laymen can procure a purely christian education. Therefore we urge and commend to this great brotherhood:

1st. That we give every encouragement to worthy young men and women for all our churches, associations, and conventions to attend our instruction at Selma

2nd. That we especially seek out, encourage, and assist where practicable young men called of God to the ministry, to enter our Theological Department, in the University.

3rd. That make special effort to make the Theological Department a reality—by the employment of, and sustaining an instructor for said department.

4th. That a special day be set apart during the year to raise means for our Theological Department, and that every church in the State be asked to raise at least one dollar per church and set day, and have the money sent to president of the University for the maintenance of this department.

5th. And that we make more firmly in our efforts to make the University a great centre of light and power, than ever before.

Committee { Revs. C. J. Davis, W. M. Munds,
R. Z. Devampert, A. A. Scott,
C. S. Goldsby, S. J. Taylor,
I. T. Simpson.

MISSIONS.

Bro. Pres.—We your committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The Father said that the world is our field. That including Home and Foreign Mission; and we cannot be true to our trust and neglect this great commission.

Home Mission—In our streets, lanes, cities, and hamlet can be heard the Macedonian cry. When we lift our eyes and look on the fields of the astonishing glare, meets our eyes, of men and women, boys and girls, who are going to destruction at break-neck speed, and hundreds of us are sitting with our hands in our laps, saying there is nothing for me to do. Brethren let us bestir our-

selves and do more for fallen humanity. The New Era Institute endorsed by the State Convention is a new step directed by Divine Providence; and invaluable aid has been rendered. Yet there is much to be done, within a stone cast of our home.

Foreign Mission—There are millions starving in heathen lands for the bread of Life, while are throwing away our means with which we ought to send men to the Dark Continent to tell the story of the Cross. There is no possible excuse that we can render to our God for not sending the bread of Life to the heathens. Joseph said to his brethren "you shall not see my face without bringing your brother with you." How sad it will be for us to appear before our God with this command neglected. "Goye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We therefore recommend that this Convention raise a collection for Foreign Mission and forward to the proper authority to be sent to the mission field. We pray and wait for the glorious dawn when the gospel shall be heard from pole to pole.

We further recommend that our missionaries be and the same are hereby authorized and requested to attempt to organize Conscience Mission bands.

Committee { Revs. A. W. Ragland, R. T. Schell
D. M. Coleman, L. S. Steinback,
P. S. L. Hutchins.

REPORT ON BARTON'S RULES OF ORDER.

We your committee on examination of Barton's Rules Order with a view to recommendation; report that we did not have the sufficient time to give it a thorough examination. So far as we examined it we found it suitable for use in our deliberative bodies. We would say that it needs to be more elaborate on several points.

Committee { Revs. W. R. Pettiford,
C. S. Dinkins, W. C. Bradford.

TIME AND PLACE.

Bro. President—We your committee on Time and Place beg leave to report the following—We find two applications for the Convention next year. The Berean Baptist church, Marion, and the African Baptist church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Your committee recommend that the Convention will hold its next session with the African Baptist church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in November 1898.

Committee { W. T. Bibb, J. R. Scoot,
J. A. Peels, W. H. Huckabee,
Winfield Myree, R. Hudson,
W. T. Coleman, Chairman.

NEW BODIES.

Bro. President—We beg leave to make the following report on New Bodies—We recommend the Round Island Creek Missionary Association to membership in this Convention.

Committee { Y. R. White, S. L. Belser,
E. W. Shields, R. C. Vass,
C. Brown, T. W. Shield, Ch'm.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

Bro. president and brethren of the Alabama Baptist Convention:—Your committee appointed to investigate the Montgomery Antioch Association beg leave to report the following:

Upon investigation your committee finds that the Association already mentioned has in its membership a church, called the People's Baptist church of Montgomery, which in the judgment of your committee is not an orthodox organization, being composed of excluded members from the Dexter Ave. Baptist church, Montgomery, Ala. Your committee would respectfully recommend to you that the Montgomery Antioch Association be advised by this Convention to drop the People's Baptist church of Montgomery from its membership for the reason that the organization is unorthodox.

Committee { Revs. W. C. Owens, S. L. Ross,
G. H. Washington, M. M. Archer,
W. M. Madison, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, the use of strong drink is ruinous to body, to intellect and to spirit, and the saloon is destructive to the peace and prosperity of society, of home, of state, and of churches, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That all our ministers should be and the same are hereby requested to abstain from the use of strong drink in all its forms except when prescribed as a medicine and that they teach the people and warn them against the evils of intoxicants in church and from house to house.

2nd. That in all cases where an election occurs bearing upon the question of granting a saloon license that our pastors and other leaders should teach the people to vote against the whiskey interest.
C. O. Boothe.

REPORT ON DIVINE SERVICE.

Brother President—Your committee on Divine Services, beg leave to submit the following report for Sunday. To preach at the First Colored Baptist church, Uniontown:

At 11 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Bradford.

At 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. F. Owens, D. D.

At 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

At the A. M. E. church:

At 11 o'clock, Rev. C. O. Boothe, D. D.

At 2:30 o'clock, Rev. W. T. Coleman,

At 7:30 o'clock, Rev. C. L. Fisher.

At the Primitive Baptist Church:

At 11 o'clock, Rev. I. T. Simpson,

At 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. A. Battle.

At 7:30, J. A. Lawson.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee { Rev. Wm. Madison, Chairman.
Deacon D. D. Lacy, D. D. Brock,
N. R. Nickerson, L. S. Steinback.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Brotheren of the Convention, we the Board of Trustees of the Ala. Col. Baptist University, feel proud in making this our annual report. We fully believe that the hand of the Lord has been over us guarding and directing our every step. Though we have had many interruptions and hinderances during the last Conventional year, yet we can bring to you the glad news to-day, that the school is in a better condition, financially than it has ever been.

Instead of increasing debts, we have been steadily reducing them until only \$497 of old debts remain unpaid.

The closing of the last session of our school made a deep impression upon the Baptists of Alabama. Some very promising young men and women received their diplomas and are now engaged in active educational work.

On the very eve of opening the present session, we were interrupted by the small-pox scare and the yellow fever which compelled the President to close school for several days after which school again opened and is doing a splendid work.

The President has shown his ability as an educator and financier. By his financial manipulations he prevents any accumulation of debts.

By his careful directions young men and women are being prepared of which we have high hopes for the future.

We have undivided and unswerving confidence in his ability and gentlemanly standing.

We have a faithful and able corps of teachers, who seemed to be greatly interested in their work, who are working with untiring efforts to promote the educational welfare of the school and class-room.

We heartily recommend the support of the college.

We also have in school to-day some as promising young men and women as ever left the school. With continued interest and co-operation on part of the Baptists of Ala. they too will soon go for the helping to conquer the world for Christ and humanity.

BUILDINGS.

We have been unable as yet to make any additions to the buildings, owing to the pressure of back debts, yet with a few minor repairs the present buildings present a very handsome appearance.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is a source of regret that we again have to report to you the unfinished wing of the girl's building. But we have in hand \$275.00 with which to begin the completion of the building, and recommend to this Convention the immediate raising of \$2,000 dollars, of this amount, we can assuredly say that the women will raise \$500.00 leaving the men to raise \$1500.

We further recommend to this Convention the necessity of put-

ting up another building known as the boy's building, and the removal of the posterior portion of the Woodsmall building, and the repairing and painting the same.

We are cognizant of the fact but little can be done in this direction, we simply place this before you for present and continued consideration until such a building is complete.

Feeling the need of disseminating the workings and needs of our school, and the general work, and to arouse interest in our work as a board throughout the State, we do recommend to this Convention, a reviving of the Student's Voice, and the placing of all the type, press, and any and all things belonging to said paper under the control of the Board of Trustees.

We humbly submit this report to you for careful and immediate consideration.

M. Tyler, Pres.

L. L. Burwell, Sec.

REPORT OF DR. C. S. DIXON.

To the Honorable President and members of the Board of Trustees of Alabama Baptist Colored University:

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is with a profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God, the Giver of every blessing, that I am permitted to make to you, this, the 20th, annual report of the work done by your Institution during the year 1896-97.

The number of teachers employed during the year was as follows: Males 6; Females 5; Total, - - - 11
 Students enrolled—Males 162; Females 181; Total - - - 343
 Number under 16 years, - - - - - 137
 Boarders—Males 42; Females 42; Total, - - - 84
 Average attendance, day pupils, - - - - - 1334
 Average attendance, boarders, - - - - - 434
 Number to whom rebate on board was allowed, - - - 8
 Number preparing to pursue college course, - - - 34
 Number in college, - - - - - 4
 Number who received industrial training, - - - 122
 Number preparing to teach, - - - - - 76
 Number preparing for the ministry, - - - - - 20
 Number conversions, - - - - - 11
 Number graduates—College 1; Normal 6; Total, - - - 7
 Total number graduates from establishment of Institution, 125

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT OF MONEYS FROM JUNE 1st. 1896, TO MAY 31st, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

From tuition, - - - \$ 872 05	From board, - - - \$2547 78
“ ch’s, indivi’s, etc. 2073 21	“ old accounts, - - 248 10
“ other sources, - - 74 81	Error from last y’r - - 9 25
Bal. on hand, - - - 221 52	
Total receipts from all sources, - - - \$6046 77	

DISBURSEMENTS.

School supplies,	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	80
Material and labor in boarding department,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1466	72
Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	26
Special improvements,	-	-	-	-	-	-	287	56
Paid students for labor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	273	50
Paid on salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1889	56
Rebates from tuition and board,	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	00
Sundries including debts, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1785	88
Total expenditures,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6025	29
Balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	48

To conduct the work of the literary department of the Institution, including the industrial work and work of lady principal required \$3,751.22. This money came from the following sources:

American Baptist Home Mission Society,	\$1300	00
Baptist Women of Chicago,	320	00
Baptist Women of Alabama,	320	00
The Institution itself,	1811	22

This does not include any part of Dr. W. H. McAlpine's salary which if added, would make the amount more than \$4000.00. I have called your attention to this particularly, that you might consider the heavy burden we are carrying; and yet this amount is far too small to do thorough and efficient work.

THE TEACHER'S WORK.

Experience has taught that a man cannot do the regular work of teaching and pastoring as thoroughly as the one who gives his whole time to teaching. This is the conclusion of the most eminent educators. If the work in the school room was all that was required of the teacher, this might be done after a fashion. But the true and faithful teacher knows that is not all. Every spare moment is needed to prepare for his classes. When this is done, where is the time to make regular and thorough preparation for the pulpit? Or if he prepares as he ought for the pulpit, where is the time to prepare for the class room? In cases where this is done, both the school and church suffer. There are scholars out in the world who to-day are deficient in their studies, and their deficiency is due largely to the fact that their teacher had too much work. No parent wants his child neglected in the school especially if he pays the charges, and yet that is what is done when teachers have regular work on the outside.

Teachers like pastors ought to be paid for their services, so that they can give their time, thought and strength to their work. That the denomination can do this needs no argument. 9 cents a piece from 500,000 members would more than pay our teachers without any aid from the Home Mission Society.

THE CLAIMS THE INSTITUTION HAS ON THE CHURCHES.

Has the Institution any claim upon the churches? This, it seems to me is an important question, for upon the answer to it depends the duty of the churches to support it or not as the case may be. Article II of the Constitution says: "The object of this Convention shall be the promotion of the gospel of Christ and

general and ministerial education." A fair interpretation of the great commission makes it our duty to support the cause of christian education. Moreover our duty to ourselves, to our children, to our denomination and to the world makes it our duty to support a christian school. If these things be true, which no intelligent and true hearted christian will deny, then it follows that we cannot choose to do or not do as we please. Our duty is plain and we cannot with impunity disregard it. And yet our report shows how few there are who are regarding their obligation. It is difficult to see how we can ask the favor of God upon ourselves when we are so negligent.

OUR HINDERENCES.

Our financial condition has during the last few years prevented our bringing our work before our people as it should be. As a consequence we have suffered very much. The churches are becoming ignorant of the work, as a result their interest is not as great in many cases as formerly. To remedy this the Board was requested at their regular meeting in April 1896 to secure the services of Revs. C. L. Fisher and J. H. Eason through the summer of '97. No objection was raised to the plan at that time nor for a year afterwards. Had it been carried out, the work would have been brought before the denomination in a very effectual manner, students would have been secured, money would have been raised and the work would have been helped generally. But opposition was raised to the plan and it failed. In this connection it will not be out of place to quote a statement concerning the Home Mission Society, found in the N. Y. Examiner. It is as follows: "After the death of Dr. Halsey W. Moore, the efficient secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, it was decided to leave the office vacant for a time in the interest of economy, hoping that the pastors of the state would bring to the attention of their churches the work of home missions, and secure for its treasury an annual collection. Some pastors have loyally and efficiently done this, but a very considerable number have failed to do it. The result has been that the work of the Home Mission has lost its hold on many churches, and other causes pressed by special agents have come in to take its place. It is felt therefore that the experiment of dispensing with a secretary for home missions in this part of the field is not a success. The Board will probably at an early date, proceed to elect a new secretary."

Such is the statement. How well does it express our case? The plan presented to the Board was more economical than the employment of a regular financial agent and would accomplish as much or more. The cost to the denomination would be less than 3 mills apiece. Many of our people are too eager to find an excuse for not giving. A little encouragement in that direction enables them to find it easily.

THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Home Mission Society during the year 1896-'97, gave to our work, \$1300.00. The Women of Chicago gave \$320.00. I would recommend that a vote of thanks be extended by this Board

to each of these organizations for their liberality and ask the continuance of the same. At their annual meeting in June the Home Mission Society voted to donate \$1000.00 to us this year '97-'98. The decreased appropriation is no indication of any lack of interest, but rather a lack of money. Their interest in us real and sincere as witness the fact that though so heavily burdened they listened to our earnest appeal for an increased appropriation and gave us \$272.00 more, and that in face of the fact that they had denied others whose appeals seemed almost as urgent. Certainly we have every reason to thank the Society without whose aid our work would be almost hopelessly crippled.

THE UNFINISHED WING

Many have asked why has not the girls' hall been completed? Our answer is that we have been paying the debts of the Institution, which three years ago amounted to \$370,000. The amount we have paid on debts would more than complete the wing. We are glad however to say, that the debts will soon be settled, and then we can begin the work of improvement. On inquiring into the cost of making and burning a kiln of brick on our ground, we find that we have sufficient money on hand donated by the women with which to do this. The Board is asked to have it done as soon as possible to make some necessary improvements in the Woodsmall building.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

These are the names of contributors to our work during the year ending October 31, 1896, and ending October 31, 1897. The amount for the year ending October 31, 1896, is much smaller than last year.

I. INDIVIDUALS.

Mrs. Oetha Davis, Avondale....	25	" W. H. Mc Alpine, Montg'ry	1 00
Rev. T. W. Walker, B'ham....	5 00	" L. E. O'Bryan, Columbus G	1 00
Rev. J. Jones, Marion.....	2 00	" C. W. Walker, Demopolis	1 00
Miss Octavia Booth, Hollywo'd	1 00	" A. A. Scott, Birmingham	50
Rev. F. A. Chapman, Flint....	75	Miss R. A. Haldrae, Newark, N.J.	55
" P. J. Johnson, Unionsp'gs	50	L. L. Barwell, M. B. Selma	1 00
" J. S. Prentice, Aldrich....	1 00	Mrs. Emma Brown, Orange N.J.	10 00
" D. D. Hawkins, East Lake	50	Mrs. F. E. Scott, Alexandria Ind	5 00
" C. P. Pyles.....	50	" M. Fyles, Lawndesboro ..	1 00
" W. H. Reddick, Greensboro	2 00	Mr. Robt. McCord, Hayneville	5 00
" J. C. Mitchell.....	50	Rev. J. E. Blackmon, Pine Apple	1 50
" J. D. Deans.....	50	Mrs. Francis Phillips, Repton	50
" Lewis Webb.....	50	" Hester May, Whitehall ..	3 00
" B. C. Coles.....	50	Prof. G. W. Truitt, Tusculum	1 00
T. W. Lee.....	50	Rev. S. J. Taylor, Cushing....	1 75
W. E. Tinker, Birmingham....	1 00	" W. R. Pettit, O. D. B'ham	5 00
Rev. A. R. Hollinsworth.....	50	Mr. S. S. Dubose, Mobile.....	1 00
Rev. E. C. Burroughs, Selma ..	50	Mrs. A. Boyd, Mobile.....	1 00
" E. B. Marsh.....	50	Miss M. G. Gibbs, Mobile.....	1 00
" Leach.....	50	Rev. C. J. Davis, Selma.....	1 50
" P. DeFornette.....	50	" J. B. Jennings, Shelby....	1 00
" W. H. Holloway, Thomas	1 00	" C. P. Jones, Jackson, Miss	2 00
" G. W. Bellsby, Bessemer ..	50	Mr. Jas. Benjamin, B'ham....	25
" A. A. Battle, Anniston....	2 50	Mrs. Addie Robinson, Blocton	25
" M. McVicar, L. L. D., N. Y	10 00	Rev. S. A. Rivers, Meridian, Miss	2 00
" W. H. Whatley, Anniston	50	" R. T. Pollard, Selma.....	5 00
" J. D. Maddox, Eufula.....	1 00	Mrs. Mollie Smitherman, Bloct'n	25
" N. Winston, Bodka.....	1 00	Mr. H. A. Loveless, Montg'ry	5 00

" L. Brown, Epes.....	1 00	Rev. D. T. Gullye, Greensboro	5 00
" C. C. Matthews.....	2 50	Mrs. L. B. Butler, Childersb'rg	30
" R. T. Schell, Enfaula....	50	Miss M. L. Frazier, B'ham....	1 00
" Wm. Ware, Selma.....	50	Mr. Adam Bullock, Boligee....	1 00
Mr. B. J. Brown.....	1 00	" Calvin Johnson, Harrison	1 00
" J. D. Davis.....	50	" D. H. Horton, Clinton....	25
Prof. W. B. Patterson, Mont'ry	1 00	Rev. J. A. Lawson, Alberta....	1 00
Rev. E. E. Smith.....	50	Mrs. E. White, Oxmoor.....	50
Mr. J. C. Smith, Seymour, Ind.	10 00	" Rachel McLinney.....	20
" H. C. May, White Hall....	1 00	" Harriet Jackson.....	16
" James Howard.....	50	" B. H. Wilson.....	2 00
Rev. S. L. Bel'or, Birmingham	1 00	Rev. Thos. Billinger, Greenville	1 05
Mr. C. C. Coleman.....	25	Miss Addie Brown, Lowndesb'o	3 00
" C. R. Nicholson.....	50	Miss Melissa Roberts, " "	3 25
Rev. J. A. Peal, Birmingham	50	Miss M. W. Dillard, B'ham....	1 00
Rev. James Nicholson, Dove	1 00	Mrs. A. L. Barks, Uniontown	1 00
Rev. G. H. Stewart, B'ham....	50	Mr. A. L. Barbour, W. Newton	2 00
" D. Finley, Rosedale.....	25	Mrs. O. C. Abrams, Uniontown	25
Rev. Martsdale.....	1 00	Mr. E. Edwards, Marietta.....	25
" G. Lowe, Livingston.....	2 50	Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hud'g, Selma	5 00
" C. O. Booth, D. D. Hollyw'd	2 50	Rev. J. S. Frazier, Mobile....	1 40
" J. C. Archibald, Bridgeville	1 50	Prof. E. W. Fright, Selma....	5 00
" C. L. Fisher, Selma.....	6 00	Prof. W. T. Coleman.....	1 00
" L. G. Jordan, Louisville Ky	2 00	C. S. Perkins, D. D. Selma....	1 00
" S. N. Vass, Raleigh, N. C.	2 00		
Total amount from individuals.....		\$196 16	
CHURCHES, S. S. AND SOCIETIES			
Deacons' Bap't ch, Montgomery	1 00	at Zion S. S., Anniston.....	1 95
Boiling Springs Bap't ch.....	6 55	at Zion ch, Anniston.....	82
S. Gains Bap't ch, Mobile.....	5 00	St Paul's church, Greensboro	1 00
W. Newton ch, W. Newton, Mass	10 00	Tabernacle bap't ch, Selma....	5 00
Mt Zion Bap't ch, " Lake....	0 "	Epsabah, Aldrich.....	5 25
Harmony Bap't ch, Milton....	6 52	Whitsitt Chapel, Newberne....	70
McClure Bap't ch, Talladega	11 90	1st bap't ch and S. S. Uniontown	7 50
Uniontown Bap't ch, Selma....	5 00	Sixth Av bap't ch and S. S. B'ham	1 17
Wm. A. Moore, Dexter Av mont'g	7 00	First bap't ch, Bessemer.....	1 00
New Asia Bap't ch, Coaling....	2 50	Jern' shen bap't ch, Bessemer	1 00
Rocky mt ch, Alexander City	54	Galilee " Anniston.....	11 55
Macedonia ch, Alexander City	71	Perryville " Perryville....	2 03
Peace ch, Talladega.....	10 00	at Zion " Union Selma	1 50
Mt Olive ch, Eutaw.....	2 00	African " S. S. Tuscaloosa	2 26
Sixth Av Bap't ch, B'ham....	8 26	African " ch, Tuscaloosa	2 04
Sixteenth St " B'ham....	3 77	Berean " Marion.....	1 19
Shiloh ch, Birmingham.....	1 00	New Hope " Randolph....	5 00
Franklin St, Mobile.....	1 00	Bethel " Nottingham	2 00
Tabernacle S. S., Selma.....	50	Lebanon " Maryland.....	21
New rolling Springs S. S.....	1 00	Sweet Home " Silver Run	05
Macedonia ch, Mt Deposit....	5 00	Gallilee Sunday School.....	2 00
New Hope, Oxford.....	5 40	St Paul, Boligee.....	1 11
Friendship, Anniston.....	1 25	Miller's baptist ch, Epes.....	1 25
New Hope, Sawyerville.....	2 00	First baptist ch, Gainesville	1 00
Wayland ch, Literary Soc'ty	18 05	Mt Zion ch, at Hebron.....	1 00
Boiling Springs ch and S. S....	1 50	First baptist ch, Enfaula.....	2 10
Bethel bap't ch, Calera.....	3 96	First bap't S. S., Enfaula.....	1 00
Friendship bap't ch, Lafayette	1 00	First bap't S. S., Union Springs	1 00
New rolling Springs ch.....	1 00	Greenleaf bap't ch, Scotts....	1 02
Hunter's Chapel, Lenoire....	1 00	" S. S., Scotts.....	40
Newberne bap't church and S. S.	5 30	Eagle Grove ch, Hamburg....	1 30
Hopewell bap't ch, Marion...	5 17	at moriah bap't ch, Scotts....	2 45
Springfield ch, Sawyerville...	1 00	Mt Olive bap't ch, Marion....	1 00
Panther Creek ch.....	1 00	Good Hope, Brown Sta.....	2 00
St James bap't ch, Waugh....	1 00	New Hope s. s., Randolph....	1 06
New Hope miss. So., Randolph	1 00	Calvary bap't, Haverhill Mass	3 00
Shiloh bap't ch, near Selma	1 92	Concord bap't ch, Safford....	1 30
Mars Hill bap't ch, Cedarville	1 50		
Total		amount.....	\$236 19

III. ASSOCIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS.

Shady Grove Association.....	5 00	Pleasant Green Wom Asso.....	50
Early Rose Association.....	2 75	Uniontown Wom District Con	4 00
Morning Star S school Con....	3 25	Eufaula S school Con.....	12 00
at Calvary " Con....	2 00	Rushing Springs Asso.....	74 75
Good Samaritan.....	4 50	montg'y Antioch Dis. S S Con	35 00
Ala. bapt. State S. school Con	30 00	Bowen East Association.....	5 21
" " " " " " " "	269 41	Ala District S school Con....	54 82
Perose bapt Association.....	1 00	Shady Grove.....	2 00
Shelby Springs Association....	10 00	Bibb County Association....	15 00
Uniontown S school Con....	86 00	Auburn Association.....	8 50
Wom Convention.....	6 12	at Zion, Coosa Valley Asso....	4 02
at Pilgrim S school Con.....	25 00	Town Creek Association.....	3 23
Wom Shelby Springs Asso....	5 00	at Calvary Association.....	7 43
First Dist Union't'n S S. Con	1 00	Bibb County S school Con....	13
Low Cahaba S school Con....	2 65	Snow Creek Association.....	10 00
Alabama Bapt Congress.....	68 00	Dallas County Association...	25 00
Bowen East Sun school Con.	2 84	Dallas County S school Con	3 00
East Alabama " " "	12 00	Canaan Association.....	60
Snow Creek " " "	6 53	Bessemer " " "	10 00
Bethlehem " " "	25 00	Eufaula " " "	20 00
Auburn " " "	8 43		
Total amount.....			\$872 52

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Scholars, public sch'l. Cleveland	1 25	Bethlehem min. Union.....	1 28
Teachers and students in Uni.	34 74	Rushing Sp'gs Asso min. Union	7 83
Collection per S R Smith.....	6 69		
Total amount.....			\$ 51 79

SUMMARY

Individuals.....	196 16	III. Associations and Con....	872 52
Churches, S schools, societies	236 19	IV. Miscellaneous.....	51 79

GRAND TOTAL..... \$1356 68

REMARKS:—The amount received last year ('95-'96) was \$2181.26, making the amount this year \$824.60 less. Had it not been for the fever, in all probability the amount this year would have considerably surpassed that of last year. There were 105 persons who contributed directly to the work; 76 churches, Sunday schools and societies; 41 Associations and Conventions. The average amount given by those persons who contributed directly to the work was \$1.86. If one-third of our entire membership would each give only one-fourth the amount, we would realize over \$27,000.00. If this were an impossibility we would not say anything about it. Suppose we should distribute this amount equally among 10,000 members to raise for our work, how much would it be? Exactly 18 cents a piece. Can we raise this amount if we try? If we all were truly interested in the work as some are, we could do so. If we refuse to give because things are not just what they should be we will never give. It is an easy matter to find fault; it does not require any great amount of brain to do that—it is not so easy perhaps to suggest a remedy. DESTRUCTION is much easier than CONSTRUCTION. A sympathetic rather than a fault finding spirit is the thing we need in our work at this time; with such a spirit on the part of all success is ours.

C. S. DINKINS, PRESIDENT.

GIFTS.

Besides the contributions in money we received the following gifts—3 pounds of butter from Mrs. E. H. Hreckabee, Greensboro; 1 pig and two bushels of potatoes from Rev. A. J. Golding, Uniontown; 1 comfort, 1 sheet, 1 pair of pillow slips from Mrs. Edney Barlow, Lowndesboro; 1 quilt from Mrs. Ann Smith, Selma; 1 oil stove for cooking from Mr. J. D. Morgan, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. A. J. Stokes had some printing done costing \$10.00 which he donated to the work.

OUR NEEDS.

I suppose our greatest need at this time is more of the spirit of Christ in our churches and in our ministry.

All else is easy when in possession of that. Nothing can take place of it. Where the spirit of Christ is, there is liberty, brotherly love, a disposition to help rather than to hinder, a readiness to see the good rather than the bad. With this spirit on the part of us all, work is a pleasure and a delight, without it, it is a constant burden. We are in need of more teachers. We hope the way will soon be open whereby this need may be supplied.

TEACHER FOR THE SEWING DEPARTMENT.

At the last meeting of the Women's Convention at Anniston, Mrs. A. A. Bowie resigned her position as teacher in sewing. She rendered four years of earnest service, and accomplished much good. Since her resignation no one has been found to fill her place. The position is not so easily filled as most persons might think. The Executive Board of the Women's Convention is on the lookout for a suitable person for that work.

And now as we review the work of the past year we have every reason to believe that God has been with us and blessed us, and that he has great things yet in store for us, if we will only prove ourselves worthy of them. I would suggest to the Board and through the Board to the Convention that when the debts have all been paid that a day set be set a part as a day of thanksgiving for deliverance from debts that have been resting on us fully 12 years or more and that we have a grand rally in which to raise money to complete the south wing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Dinkins, PRESIDENT.

AN EXPLANATION TO COLORED BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Ala. Colored Baptist University given in its meeting held July 29th. '97, the undersigned committee hereby explain to the denomination certain matters about which there has been much controversy in newspapers, circulars and otherwise.

The Board not having a meeting since April, could not, even if it was thought prudent to so do, order this explanation sent out to the denomination. And in making this explanation the Board desires to thank the denomination for its cordial support in the denominational work of education, and at the same time to assure the denomination that the Board is fully aware of the great responsibility resting upon it, and therefore is leaving nothing undone that would indicate that there is carelessness on the part of the Board.

At the time of the meeting of the State Convention, held in Opelika, November, 1895, the trustee Board was re-organized in keeping with the new charter granted the Board.

It was reported to the Board, that one of the teachers, who besides the work in the school, served as pastor of two churches, and was editor of the Baptist Leader, was complaining of as not being able, because of these extra burdens, to do his full duty in the school room, that as he had to go away on the train twice per month in order to reach one of his churches, he necessarily every other week was unable to meet and do his full duty to one or two of his classes in the school room, his train reaching Selma about 9:30, a. m. while the school opened about 8:45, a. m., as the report did reach the Board through the President of the school, the board sent for the president afterward for the teacher in question, to ascertain from the president first whether or not these reports were true, and from the teacher to account for the conditions.

The Board finding that much time was lost by the teacher, not only when he went to one of his churches, but also when during school hours the teacher was compelled to be in the Leader office, requested the teacher to give up his church to which he had to go on railroad and also the Baptist Leader.

One or two months later the Board finding that the teacher was not inclined to comply with the request, although the Board had raised his salary to five dollars per month more, held a second meeting and re-affirmed its actions touching upon the teacher.

Finding that the teacher was still unwilling to give up the work which he was requested to leave off, the Board was advised that it was prudent to let the teacher hold this extra work till the close of the session of the school. This was agreed to.

In April, 1896 the Board held its annual meeting for the purpose of electing teachers for the next session. Before going into the election the Board passed several rules governing teachers, among them was that the teachers should not be pastors of churches while teaching, nor should they do any other work that might interfere with their duties in the school room.

Before electing this teacher in question, the Board sent for him to know whether or not this teacher would comply with the rules made and give up his outside work.

Also the Board asked this teacher and one other to serve as financial agents during the present summer months. This teacher promised to give up his outside work, and serve as financial agent during the present summer, 1897.

But about 10 days before the opening of the session of school of October, 1896, the teacher wrote letters to members of the Board asking to be allowed to keep his churches and the Leader, also to be relieved from his promise to do work as financial agent during the summer.

The members of the Board did not agree to his request to hold the extra work, but expressed, some of them, their willingness to excuse him from the summer work if his salary be fixed according-

ly. When school opened the teacher was allowed to begin work in the school on his assurance to the president of the school, that he (the teacher) had complied with the request of the Board.

After school work began, it was found that as a matter of fact the teacher had not given up his outside work. The president called the teacher's attention to this neglect and informed him that he must comply with the request of the Board to give up the school work.

On the teacher's refusal to do either, the president informed that in case the teacher failed to comply with the rules he would forfeit his salary. After the school had run about two weeks, the teacher gave up his work as teacher, rather than give up his other work. When the State Convention met in 1896 in Birmingham, the Board held a meeting and sent for the teacher and offered him his place in school, provided he would comply with the rules. To this proposition the teacher refused to concur, but was willing to return to his work if he be allowed to keep his other work.

In this Board meeting in Birmingham the Board agreed to raise the salary of Rev. C. L. Fisher, one of the teachers, ten dollars per month more with the understanding that Prof. Fisher raise this amount when doing mission work on the Sabbath, as the Board in giving this order to Bro. Fisher was not as clear and specific as it might have been (though with no intention to license him to take full charge of the school) it was soon found that Bro. Fisher was doing the very thing to which the Board had previously objected. In the first meeting of the Board afterwards, Prof. Fisher was required to give compliance with the rule of the Board.

But because of the dissatisfaction from several members Bro. Fisher was doing this work he had ceased to preach and pastor of the church when the Board met.

The Board has been charged with bringing an unnecessary expense of \$620 a year upon the denomination. When a matter of fact it is only \$200. For instance one teacher who received last year, \$65 per month for 8 months, making \$520, receives under the present arrangement only \$75 per month for 12 months, making \$900. The difference in salary on the part of that teacher, it can be readily seen is \$140. The other teacher who received \$55 per month for 8 months last year gets only \$70 per month for 12 months under the present arrangement. This makes a difference of \$160 on the part of that teacher. So you see that the Board increases the financial obligation only \$300 for two teachers, but for this increase the Board gets 8 months work—four months from each teacher. The Board is thoroughly convinced that teachers cannot do their duty in the school room and on the school grounds and hold pastoral charges and other burdensome outside work.

The double work of the President, acting as president and financial agent all at the same time has been found entirely too hard for one man.

The president complained of the extra work put upon him, and

recommended that these teachers be allowed to help him in this way. The Board felt that it saw the wisdom in thus doing, because in the first place, it gives the teachers sufficient support to enable them to do their full duty without resorting to outside work during the school session, and secondly, help the Board to meet the need of more help for the president in his duty as financial agent with the least cost to the Board.

Besides all this, the schools of the grade of ours pay such teachers as these in question from 70 to 75 dollars per month. Previous to three or four years ago the Board paid such men as Profs. Alston, Rishel, Purce, Dinkins and Fisher salaries equal to 70 and 75 dollars per month, that means that the two teachers now in question are asked to serve for 12 months for the same amount these other teachers used to serve only eight months. In order to hold our teachers we have got to give them about what other men of their standing and education are getting in the pastorate or in other schools. Now if the Board can so arrange, that with the same amount of money that it used to pay teachers to work eight months, it can get them to work twelve months, thus meeting two needs, that of securing the teacher, and also giving the Board more aid in raising money, and work up an interest in the school who can reasonably object?

The employees of the State Mission Board are confused with the employees of this Board. The names of several brethren who, it is claimed worked during the summer for the Board and did not raise their salaries, when as a matter of fact not one of these brethren named, except Rev. M. M. Archer was ever in the Board's knowledge employed as financial agent, and if the Board owes them anything it has no knowledge of the debt. Rev. M. M. Archer was employed by the Board but not in the summer months.

Finally, the Board feels that the denomination owes it to its own interest to condemn the action of our brethren in intercepting the plans of the Board by sending out circulars and giving untruthful and misleading statements concerning the Board's actions. The Board has no objection to the proper public criticism of its action, and the proper time is at the State Convention when the Board renders a report of its doings. But if every body who has an opinion gets up in public places, and by circulars criticise the Board, the Board cannot hope to succeed. It is the privilege of the State Convention to call the Board's attention to what may be regarded as an error, and if the Board persist in making them their resignation can be easily called for.

Hoping this explanation will justify the Board in the eyes of the denomination, we subscribe ourselves,

Your humble servants,

Committee } R. T. Pollard, W. C. Bradford,
 } M. Tyler, Ch'm. of Board,

STATEMENT OF THE DEBTS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST
COLORED UNIVERSITY, 1897.

Name of Creditor	Am't due	Interest	Total	Am't paid	Bal. due
Dr. C. L. Purce.....	\$ 316 50	\$ 21 32	\$ 337 88	50 00	287 88
Dr. W. R. Pettiford.....	468 26	81 34	549 60	549 60	.....
Mr. E. W. Knight.....	30 00	.....	30 00	30 00	.....
Rev. B. H. Peterson.....	75 00	.....	75 00	40 00	35 00
Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.....	263 92	.....	263 92	263 92	.....
Mr. M. H. May.....	175 00	.....	175 00	.....	175 00
Rev. D. T. Gulley.....	50 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....
Rev. M. M. Archer.....	22 20	.....	22 20	22 20	.....
Mr. Henry Byrd.....	65 00	.....	65 00	65 00	.....
Total.....	\$ 1465 94	\$ 162 66	\$ 1568 60	1070 72	\$ 497 88

The above statement through mistake of printer was omitted in Dr. Dinkins report, page 31

The following churches were also omitted by mistake, 1st, Baptist Selma, \$5 00, Harmony St. Avondale \$3 00, Mt Davis, Wauagh \$1 00

POEM BY PROF. H. B. JORDAN.

Servants of God today
With open hearts we stand;
And gladly all due homage pay
To such distinguished band.

From sea to sea, from gulf to lake,
From mountain top and vale;
The people bid you courage take,
Your mission cannot fail.

Husbands, wives and helpless young
In one unquickened mass;
Have never heard God's praises sung
Nor caught your trumpet's blast.

'Till Selma stands a beacon bright,
And 'cross life's narrow sea;
Sends forth its penetrating light
Wherever a wreck may be.

Yea, speed you 'till on every mount
Your church spires point to heaven,
And every vale shall have a fount
To make its lump all leaven.

Soldiers in armor strong
We mark your colors fly;
The light we know you'll prolong
'Till sin shall fall and die.

Thousands of homes today are dark,
No words of life are there;
Their freezing hearts receive no spark,
Called forth by christian prayer.

God speed your work till every mouth
Shall have its word of praise;
Till all our people North and South
Their Ebenezer raise.

'Till every mouth be trained to pray,
And every voice to sing;
And all the people rise and say
"We'll take the faith you bring."

God speed you while the battle last,
God bless you at their close;
And when the awful conflict's past,
Grant you a sweet repose.

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

Brother President, and members of this Convention: Your State Mission Board feels under many obligations to a kind Providence in being privileged to come before you with our annual report, after another year's labor in missionary efforts.

We feel that success along missionary lines has been commensurate to efforts.

The Savior said: "The Kingdom of God cometh not by observation," nor does the genuineness of our missionary conquests come by such.

The dissemination of the Gospel is imperative, and what has been done, in an humble manner, we trust, was done to the honor and glory of the Master's Kingdom.

The recording omniscience is only enabled to tabulate how well we have succeeded in missionary efforts and the deep anxiety of your Board to hasten the coming of the Lord.

Our effort to make Huntsville a permanent missionary field was a failure, in that, the church was not willing to give up their present pastor, therefore the Board was not willing to lay out such an expenditure upon that particular field. Therefore, that particular field lies still unoccupied by us as a Board or Convention.

THE DEPOSITORY.

This we have succeeded in putting on foot, as contemplated and decided upon more than a year ago. Its head-quarters are at Selma. The report of our manager, Dr. W. H. McAlpine, will show how much has been accomplished along that line, to wit:

Montgomery, Ala. Nov. 29th. 1897.

Statement of the Depository by W. H. McAlpine.

CASH RECEIVED

March 10.	From C. J. Davis,	\$ 25 00
May 5.	" Sales,	2 00
May 17.	" Sales,	2 00
May 18.	" C. J. Davis,	10 00
May 26.	" Sales,	3 75
Aug. 20.	" Sales,	20
		\$ 42 95

CASH PAID OUT.

March 10.	Bill Books,	\$ 25 00
March 10.	P. O. and Stamps,	15
March 30.	Freight on box books,	85
March 30.	Drayage " " "	10
May 8.	Miss. Barrels,	9 90
May 10.	Postage,	15
		\$ 36 15

Balance in favor of the Depository,

6 80

W. H. McAlpine,

Manager.

On March, 4th, it became our painful duty to accept the resignation of Dr. W. H. McAlpine, by reason of his having been called to the pastorate of Tabernacle Church, Selma, Ala.

This put your Board to some disadvantage for a while, because it was not an easy task to find a proper successor to this Prince in Israel.

Your general missionary, Rev. R. T. Pollard had to do more than his duty to keep up an interest during this vacancy—hence his indisposition today—billiousness and overwork.

But we are pleased to announce that, a kind and wise heavenly Father, who is always faithful to those who put their trust in Him, had in reserve for this vacancy the invincible and time honored standard bearer, Dr. W. R. Pettiford, whose services your Board was able to secure. He entered heartily into the work and has endeavored to foster all plans of the Board in carrying forward the work.

Success has been his, under peculiar circumstances.

The fifth Sunday in last August was rally day for Mission work, under the auspices of your Board. Two thirds of all monies raised in said rally were to go for the co-operation plan, and the remaining one third is to go to the long standing claims against your Board.

The rally was not a financial success as desired. Only \$79.99 Seventy nine dollars and ninety nine cents were realized. If the amount raised is the measurement of missionary zeal among the nearly two hundred thousand colored Baptists in our State, it is a sad comment thereupon.

We are pleased to say, that, by the assiduous labors of our missionaries, in connection with money raised on rally day, we have obtained \$284.68, Two hundred, eighty four dollars, and sixty eight cents.

The report of the Baptist Leader, will be made as usual, by its management, Editor, J. H. Eason.

We regret very much indeed to announce that by force of circumstances, Rev. R. T. Pollard offered his resignation, but the Board has requested him to recall it.

The present indebtedness of long standing creditors is as follows:

CREDITORS OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

C. L. Purce,	Due \$ 36 13	Paid \$ 4 51	Bal. due \$ 31 62
J. T. Prince,	" 136 52	" 35 06	" 101 46
D. T. Gully,	" 54 46	" 6 80	" 47 66
P. S. L. Hutchins	" 65 36	" 8 17	" 57 19
S. L. Ross,	" 15 00	" 3 00	" 12 00
C. S. Dinkins,	" 12 90	" 1 51	" 11 39
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Totals,	\$ 320 37	\$ 59 05	\$ 261 32

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Rev. R. T. Pollard be granted one month's vacation for rest.

2. That brothers Pollard, Boothe, and Pettiford, be continued in their respective positions they now hold.

3. We have heard from Rev. J. H. Eason on the Baptist Leader, and everything has been adjusted satisfactorily, therefore we recommend that we give our moral and financial support to the Leader as far as is both expedient and practical. That the Editor will refrain from allowing such publications to appear in its columns as will bring confusion in our general State work.

4. That we have a financial rally during 1898, and that it be conducted under the management of the corresponding secretary and the missionaries.

5. That the Baptists will patronize colored printing offices in matters of printing as far as possible and practical.

6. That 75 per cent of the money in treasury be used for weak churches, and other mission work as thought best by our missionaries.

A. N. McEwen, Chairman.

P. S. L. Hutchins, Sec.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT,

R. T. POLLARD, GEN. MISSIONARY FOR ALABAMA, FOR YEAR BEGINNING DEC. 1, 1896, ENDING NOV. 30, 1897.

To the State Mission Board.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the goodness of God we have passed through the second year of co-operation, and I now present to you a report of the field and of our work during the year. At the beginning of this year the missionaries started out with new inspiration gotten from the report they were able to make to the Board and the Convention last year, and the expressions of joy shown by the actions of the Board and the Convention touching the report of missionaries. The outlook was brighter than ever before, but the resignation of one of our district missionaries, and the failure of the Board and the co-operating bodies to take prompt steps to supply the vacancy, caused a lag in the work. For eight months one of the districts was without a missionary. Added to this the quarantine regulations to prevent the spread of yellow fever greatly interfered with missionary work just as they did every other business. Yet through all this we have great reasons to thank God for the spirit of mission that is being kindled in our State by the plan of co-operation, and for the healthful effects the institute work is having upon the pastors, churches and the masses.

I do not hesitate to predict that if the denomination continues to prosecute this method of mission work, ten years a revolution for good will be worked in our churches, among our ministers and in the attitude to our denominational work. Dr. Boothe the district missionary for the Tennessee Valley reports encouraging progress in his field.

Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., was appointed to fill the vacancy made by Dr. McAlpine's resignation. He began work August 1st, last and is prosecuting his work with telling effect. The following is a summary of work done this year:

R. T. POLLARD.

Days of service 353, miles traveled 5812, letters and postals written 848, sermons preached 151, addresses made 103, institutes held 17, public meetings visited 11, prayer meetings held 13, tracts distributed (pages) 41763, young people counseled concerning education 452.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following shows only the total amount received in the bounds of the different associations, and the Board is respectfully referred for an itemized statement of contributions to the report of Rev. C. J. Davis, Treasurer, whose report will appear in the State Convention minutes.

Receipts—Bibb County \$7.59, Morning Star \$10.17, Antauga 12.22, Montgomery Antioch 59 21, Early Rose 8.00, Ala. District 44.38, Old Pine Grove 6.75, Eufaula 32.18, Auburn 23.50, Spring Hill 2.50, Ala. Midland 6.90, Ebenezer 34, Southeast 1.15, Union 13.20, Sandy Ridge 1.20, Women's Baptist State Con. 5.00, Baptist Congress 6.95, Troy—Ozark 9.84, Town Creek 10.39, Mary 15, Bowen East 1.03, From other sources 9.30.

From bodies in Selma District—Mobile Sunlight \$1.20, Bethlehem 3.00, Mt. Pleasant 6.61, East Perry 1.00, New Cahaba 1.06, Uniontown 26.11.

From bodies in Tennessee Valley District—Shelby Springs 1.99, Rushing Springs 11.21, Mt. Pilgrim 1.73, Mt. Zion Coosa Valley 3.16, by error 1.22. Total raised by R. T. Pollard \$336.88.

Expenses, December '96—Traveling \$11.50, postage 1.30; January '97—Traveling 7.53, postage .88; February '97—Traveling 9.52, postage .62; March '97—Traveling 12.16, postage .57; April '97—9.52, postage .89; May '97—Traveling 7.43, postage 4.11; June '97—Traveling 11.08, postage .61; July '97—Traveling 11.02, postage and printing 4.23; August '97—Traveling 7.10, stationery and printing 4.75; September '97—Traveling 9.99, postage 2.82; October '97—Traveling 22.83, postage .41; November '97—Traveling 5.70, stationery .32. Total traveling expenses and postage \$119.82. $\frac{1}{3}$ salary for the year 283 33 $\frac{1}{3}$. $\frac{1}{3}$ expenses for the year 49.94. Total $\frac{1}{3}$ salary and expenses 333.27. Balance in favor of Board \$3.61.

C. O. BOOTHE, D. D.

Days of service 329, miles traveled 3346, letters and postals written 265, sermons preached 105, addresses made 131, institutes held 15, public meetings visited 16, prayer meetings 92, tracts distributed 600, young people counseled concerning education 20.

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Muscle shoals Association \$37.50; Rushing Springs Association 30.00; Paint Rock 6.00; Shelby Springs 15.00; Blount County

Beth .30; Mud Creek 1.37; Snow Creek 20.00; Bessemer 3.00; Will's Creek 10.00, Mt. Pilgrim 65.00; Other sources 22.96. Total received 221.13.

Expenses. December '96 \$2.95, January '97 9.00, February 3.95, March 6.35, April 11.00, May 16.18, June 20.07, July 13.50, August 3.11, September 2.30, October 11.84, November 15.65. Total expenses 112.90. $\frac{1}{3}$ salary for the year 250.00. $\frac{1}{3}$ expenses for the year 37.63. Total $\frac{1}{3}$ salary and $\frac{1}{3}$ expenses 287.63. Balance due Dr. Boothe by Board 23.00.

W. H. McALPINE, D. D.--Three months service.

Days of service 91. This time was spent in giving instruction in the ministerial department of Alabama Colored Baptist University.

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Total money raised 41.75. Expenses 1.00. $\frac{1}{3}$ salary for quarter 62.50. $\frac{1}{3}$ expenses for quarter .33 $\frac{1}{3}$. Total $\frac{1}{3}$ salary and expenses 62.83 $\frac{1}{3}$. Balance due W. H. McAlpine by Board 18.08. The treasurer's report will show that this has been paid by the Board.

W. R. PETTIFORD, P. D.--Four months service.

Days of service 70, miles traveled 1592, letters written 75, sermons preached 40, addresses made 11, institutes held 3, public meetings visited 17, prayer meetings held 10, young people counseled with concerning their education 40.

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Receipts. Lebanon Association 16.95; Canaan, Pickensville 2.00; Mt. Calvary 6.11; Mt. Pleasant 11.75; Uniontown 20.00; Sandy Ridge 5.15; Dallas County .75; New Antioch 2.56; Lillie Star 11.03; Unknown 16.21. Total 93.87.

Expenses. August 31--Traveling 9.51, postage .40; September 30--Traveling 5.24, postage .26; October 31--Traveling 11.77, postage and institute 2.75; November 30--Traveling 7.36, postage .20. Total 37.49. $\frac{1}{3}$ salary 83.33 $\frac{1}{3}$. $\frac{1}{3}$ expenses 12.49 $\frac{1}{3}$. Total $\frac{1}{3}$ salary and expenses 95.83. Balance in favor of Board \$4.01.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LEADER.

One of the institutions planted by our fathers to be fostered by us, is the Baptist Leader. To our honor is it, that it still exists.

Marvelous have been its struggles, and like the Baptist denomination, great has been its unostentatious success.

Inexperience and ambition have tripped it up several times; but like Babylon, it has arisen every time it fell. Like a child it has toddled to learn to walk. When I rendered our report to you 12 months ago in Birmingham, the thought was in mind to return it to you, as a burden too heavy for my youthful shoulders. But the liberal donation given, and the resolutions passed encouraged me, and I rallied my energies to the task once more.

With clouds lowering around, and sky darkened we pulled out

for another year's struggle, hoping the sun would shine before we shall have gone far. But not so. By January distant rumbling thunder was heard, a little later the lightning flashed and the cold rain fell, and the chilly winds blew. We were in the storm.

How well we have wrought ye are judges; how I have suffered, I know best.

Money to operate the paper was secured after the hardest effort.

Brethren warred with one another through its columns. The indifference and opposition chargeable to the contestants, were laid at the door of the paper. Notwithstanding, the paper has gone to the people this year with some increased regularity. It has been issued 43 times this year—failing to come out nine times out of 52 weeks; three of which failures being caused by the yellow fever. Fifty dollars worth of type have been added to the office. For this type the money donated to the paper last year in Birmingham, has been paid. The paper cutter on which we proposed to use a part of the money in fixing, could not be mended for the amount donated, for the reason Mr. W. M. Montgomery, who was foreman at the time, misplaced a costly piece of it.

Out of the appreciation of the honor done me in leaving the money with me to use as I saw best and in keeping with the sentiment that it should be used in getting material for the office; seeing I could not use it profitably on the cutter, we turned it into type which was our greatest need in the office at that time.

A thirteen dollar mailer has been added to the office also.

The Leader has arranged with the Board of Trustees to remove the building it now occupies to a location on Philpot street; on the north side of the Uni. grounds and pay for its use \$2 00 a month.

For the use of the University printing material in the Leader's possession, we have agreed to allow the University a column in the paper each week, and do \$30 00 worth of printing free yearly.

We are needing money to remove the house and fix it up with better facilities. We need a font of Italic type; a paper cutter, and brass rules. Our needs are many. Our office is growing every day, it takes more money to run it.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

Notwithstanding the great struggle the paper has had this year it looks out with hope for the future.

The press in the buying which it has been interested, is now paid for.

The \$394.07 reported at the last Convention has been reduced to \$225.00; a large amount of money used in running the paper this year has been donations from churches, conventions, associations and individuals; to all of which we turn our most grateful thanks. We would mention your names but space will not allow us. We are sorry to say our subscribers have not paid up very well this year. Out of twelve hundred, there are 700 who owe the whole or part of this year's subscription. They told us, and tell us, they will pay. We borrowed money and sent the paper on their word and have had to pay it back out of our pockets. We

hope the paper has done them some good. We are glad to say that there remains a debt on the paper for the present year of only \$25.00. We have four young men in our office to work regularly. Mr. Ira T. Bryant is working our job department up to be second to none in the State. Mr. J. B. Eason has charge of the mechanical work of the paper. Revs. J. A. Martin and J. R. Scott, are now associated in the operation of the paper.

There help and council have been valuable. We thank God that we have been able to run a paper that has been so generally accepted by the people we serve. If it be ours to run in the future, we hope to make it more acceptable and profitable to all.

J. H. EASON, Editor.

ANNUAL REPORT.

C. J. DAVIS, TREASURER OF The State Mission Board,

Alabama Baptist State Convention, In Session Assembled.

Receipts from December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1897.

SELMA DISTRICT.

DECEMBER

Tabernacle Bap't church....	\$ 18 00
Total for month.....	18 00

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

DECEMBER

Courtland Bap't, Courtland	1 00
Contributions unknown.....	25 00
Total.....	26 00

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

DECEMBER

Mt Hillard ch, Jemison	1 08
" S S, Jemison	66
Salem ch, Clanton, Ala	2 20
Morning Star, Verbena	1 00
Lilly Hill Institute.....	90
Mt Canaan Inst'ce, Wetumpka	4 41
Stanton ch, Stanton.....	75
Sweet Water ch, Dexter.....	1 30
Mt Zion ch, and Central Inst	1 55
Good Hope ch, Equality	15
Peace and Goodwill In, Nixb'g	2 82
" S S, Nixburg.....	2 45
Trus " "	1 00
New Elem ch, Alexander	20
Bethel Inst'ce, Alexander City	6 01
Mt Traveller ch, Waverly.....	34
St John ch, Mt Meigs.....	50
Bro Otevell, Lewis, Whitehall	1 50
Total.....	28 55

SELMA DISTRICT.

JANUARY, 1897

Shiloh Bap't ch, Selma.....	1 00
" S S, "	1 75
2nd, Bap't ch, "	2 00
Total.....	4 75

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

JANUARY

Tabernacle ch, Selma.....	2 50
Mt Sinai, ch, Letohatchi.....	1 54
Rev. P. J. Johnson, Union Sp's	25
1st, Bap't ch, "	4 50
Contributions unknown.....	18
Mt Sinai, ch.....	25
Mt Hebron ch, Seale.....	2 07
Ministers' Meeting, Jackson	
Prospect, Chambers.....	1 01
Dexter Ave, ch, Montgomery	1 46
Rev. R. T. Pollard, Selma.....	1 00
Total.....	14 76

TENN. VALLEY DISTRICT.

JANUARY

Collection unknown.....	20
Institute at Decatur.....	1 05
Huntsville Bap't ch.....	36
Courtland Bap't ch.....	2 38
Mt Pleasant ch, New Brick,	2 50
Rev. S. L. Foster, Leighton	2 00
Institute at Barton.....	4 00
Total.....	12 49

SELMA DISTRICT.

FEBRUARY

Tabernacle ch, Selma	22 00
Total.....	22 00

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

FEBRUARY

Macedonia ch, Notasulga....	33
Mt Nebo, Cussetta.....	2 77
Bethel, Opelika.....	1 04
Bethesda, Opelika.....	3 47
Ebenezer, Auburn.	2 25
Bethesda S S, Opelika.....	50

Teachers and students Sel. Uni	1 85
New Elam ch. Mitchell st....	1 11
Spring Hill ch. Harris	2 71
1st, Bap't Institute, Eufaula	3 25
Sardis ch. Clayton.....	2 04
Rev. R. T. Pollard, Selma....	1 35
Total.....	23 00

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

FEBRUARY

Institute at Bellfont.....	55
Other persons.....	84
Contributions unknown.....	4 80
Total.....	6 19

MONTGOMERY DIST.

MARCH

Bell Street ch. Montgomery	1 10
Salem ch. Louisville....	1 45
Mt Asure ch. Three Notch ..	2 53
1st, Bap't ch. Selma.....	2 03
St Paul, Greenville.....	1 15
1st, Bap't, Greenville.....	2 17
Pine Top, Greenville.....	4 50
Ramer ch. Calhoun	67
Roxana ch. Snowdown.....	1 03
Little Roxana ch. Legrand ..	82
" S S.	1 20
Mt Sinai ch. Eleta.....	4 40
" S S. "	70
Cash.....	30
Total.....	24 08

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

MARCH

First Bap't ch. Chattanooga .	2 50
Ministers Conference "	1 00
Baptist ch. Gadsden.....	1 25
Cedar Grove ch. Cedar Bluff	50
Total.....	8 25

MONTGOMERY DIST.

APRIL

Mt Zion ch. Tallasee.....	2 17
Sweet Home, Tallasee	55
Tabernacle, Milsterd.....	85
Epsibah.....	2 00
Jerusalem, Bessemer	2 50
H. B. Gordan, Birmin ham .	20
Rising Star ch. "	1 19
Little Mt Gilard ch. Benton	2 51
" S S. Benton.....	50
Contributions unknown.....	02
Ebenezer ch. Benton.....	1 10
Little Elam, Benton.....	5 43
Cash.....	1 00
Total.....	20 32

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

APRIL

Atalla church and S S. Atalla	2 17
Collinsville ch. Collinsville .	1 35
Ft Payne ch. Ft Payne.....	3 00
Shiloh ch. Birmingham.....	2 00
6th, Av ch. "	1 11
Miss Ella Knapp, B'ham....	50

Bro Williams, 6 Av ch. B'ham	25
1st, Bap't, Pratt City.....	2 00
Mr. Samuels, "	50
Institute in B'ham.....	90
Mt Moriah, Pratt City.....	35
Total.....	11 49

MONTGOMERY DIST.

MAY

Cubahatcher ch. Shorter. .	1 00
Mt Olive ch. Mt Meigs.....	32
Preston Minifield, Montg'ery	10
Macedonia ch. Montgomery .	1 60
Adkin Hill, Sprigs.....	1 87
Shady Grove ch. Verbena ...	35
Cash.....	01
Cross Road Institute.....	1 05
Concord ch. Central Mills ..	2 00
Mt Lebanon ch. Safford.....	62
Lake Elam, Milbrooks.....	2 00
Rev. R. T. Pollard.....	1 00
Total.....	15 01

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

MAY

East Lake ch. and S S.....	1 00
Avondale, ch. Avondale.....	1 00
6th, Av ch. B'ham	1 10
Rev. W. C. Owens, B'ham ...	25
Warrior ch. Warrior.....	50
Other sources	3 00
Institute at Anniston.....	70
Gallion ch. "	3 71
Mt Zion ch. "	1 59
Gallion S S. "	1 00
Total.....	13 91

MONTGOMERY DIST.

JUNE

Shady Grove, Uniontown....	31
Females Ins., Demopolis....	3 00
1st, Bap't ch. Antaugaville...	1 20
Behesda ch. Independence ..	21
Harmony Ins. Milton.....	2 83
Spring Chapel, Wetumpka ..	20
2nd, Bap't ch. "	2 50
Providence ch. Shelby.....	65
Enon ch. Childers-burg	15
Wom's State Con. Anniston	5 00
Rising Star ch. Sylacauga....	1 00
Macedonia ch. Goodwater ...	1 05
Hatchet Springs "	1 30
Rev. R. T. Pollard, Selma....	1 00
Total.....	20 40

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

JUNE

Friendship ch. Anniston....	1 00
Mt Zion ch. Anniston.....	47
S S Con. Shelby Springs Asso	3 00
Mt Canaan ch. Talladega....	2 47
Peace Bap't ch Talladega....	1 17
Mrs. M. L. Fraser, B'ham....	65
Jasper.....	20
Church at Courtland.....	1 18
School at "	4 00

Ashville ch, Ashville.....	2 00	Muscle Shoals Asso.....	8 00
People at Hollywood.....	2 00	Shellfield ch, Shellfield.....	1 00
Church at Springville.....	70	Presbyterian ch, Leighton...	2 58
Total.....	18 94	Mrs. Teague, Columbiana....	50
		Total.....	13 08

MONTGOMERY, DIST.

JULY

Dexter Av ch, Montgomery...	5 00
Mt Hilliard ch, Jemison....	1 00
St James, Mt Meigs.....	1 00
Mt Olive, Tuskegee.....	1 02
Auburn S. S. Con.....	2 02
Mt Sinai ch, Letohatchie....	2 07
" S. S. ".....	1 00
Union'n " Con.....	2 50
Baptist Congress.....	0 95
Rev. R.T. Pollard.....	1 00
Total.....	23 50

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

JULY

Woodlawn ch, Woodlawn...	1 00
Irondale ch, Irondale.....	1 01
Bethel, Renfro.....	5 07
Labanon, Barclays.....	1 00
Mt Canaan, Talladega.....	1 28
S. S. Con., Kymulga.....	3 52
Galilee ch, and S S, Anniston	4 84
Mt Zion ch, Anniston.....	1 05
Jacksonville S S Con.....	3 00
Columbiana ch, Columbiana	1 75
Decatur S. S., Decatur.....	25
Total.....	24 37

MONTGOMERY DIST.

AUGUST

Dexter Av ch, Montgomery...	2 00
Mt Gilliard, Rauer.....	16
1st, Bap't, Troy.....	5 07
St Paul Union, Penkard.....	90
Antioch ch, Newton.....	1 25
New Hope No. 1, Dolthan....	45
Bethel ch, Ozark.....	1 62
Dexter Av, Montgomery....	2 00
Rev M Robinson's ch, Boligee	1 00
Rev B L Webb's ch, Tuskegee	1 00
Macedonia ch, Ft Deposit...	1 00
Lowndesboro ch, Lowndesb'ro	1 00
" S. S. ".....	1 00
Rev J J Chisholms ch, Opelika	50
Bethesda ch, Opelika.....	2 20
Mt Canaan ch, Burkville....	22
Sardis ch, Union Springs....	1 00
Lillie Hill ch, Pike Road....	2 19
Rev H Stalworths ch, Caledonia	95
Rev. H. Collins ch, Stanton...	90
New Liberty S S, Pike Road	67
Collection unknown.....	20
New Liberty ch, Pike Road...	4 84
Elizabeth ch, Pike Road....	32
Mrs Bettie Hanson, ".....	25
Pine Grove ch, No. 1, Panther	04
Total.....	32 83

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

AUGUST

Muscle Shoals S. S. Con.....	6 00
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SELMA DIST.

AUGUST

Blocton ch, Blocton.....	2 49
Antioch ch, Harrisburg.....	24
New Friendship, Carrollton...	3 00
Salem ch, Carrollton.....	60
Pine Grove, ".....	1 25
Total.....	7 58

MONTGOMERY, DIST.

SEPTEMBER

Friendship ch, LaFayette....	1 03
Ensley City ch, Ensley City...	1 40
Miss G Smith, E Lex'g'n Mass	1 00
Town Creek ch, Ft Davis....	1 00
Bethlehem ch, ".....	2 50
Elizabeth ch, ".....	2 00
Prof. A W Hines, Powel, Tex	1 10
Rehoboth ch, Ware.....	1 04
Grove Hill, Dayton.....	1 00
St Emanuel, Linden.....	1 21
Green Leaf, Scotts.....	1 00
First Boiling Sp's, Alberta...	35
New " Boiling Springs	60
Antioch S S, Newton.....	75
Rev. W. Childs, Newton.....	25
Rev S M Reeves ch, Haynesv'e	1 00
Rev S M Reeves ch, Haynesv'e	1 00
Livingston ch, Livingston...	1 00
Sweet Pilgrim, Opelika.....	1 05
Mt Olive ch, Pike Road.....	1 00
First Bap't ch, Newberne....	1 38
Rev P S Hutchins, Columbus	1 00
St Louis St ch, Mobile....	1 20
Ridge Grove ch, Auburn....	50
Ebenezer S S, Auburn.....	1 00
Mont'g " Con.....	10 80
Rev W R Robinsons ch, Bent'n	1 00
New Bride ch, Berlin.....	1 00
Antioch No. 1, Mt Willing...	1 00
New Elam ch, Mitchell Sta...	1 00
Rev. T. W. Walkers ch, Roha	64
Spring Hill ch, Marion.....	1 00
Spring Hill ch, Tishabee....	1 00
Morning Star ch, Folsom....	50
County Line, Tilden.....	1 00
Mt Zion ch, Wetumpka.....	1 00
Bethel ch, Tuskegee.....	1 00
Bethel S. S., ".....	1 50
Mt Sinai ch, Laneville.....	1 50
P. N. Giller M D, Lowndesboro	50
Ala. Dist S S. Con.....	10 00
Tabernacle ch, Selma.....	1 50
Rev D Sinalls ch, Simelton...	2 00
Rev Wm Moselys ch, Glendale	1 00
Sardis ch, Clayton.....	1 00
Friendship ch, Batesville....	1 00
Mt Zion, Coosa Valley Asso...	3 15
6th Av ch, Birmingham....	2 03

1st. Bap't ch, Greenville....	1 10
" " S. S.	37
Mt Sinai ch, Letohatchie....	1 00
Mt Hilliard ch, Jemison....	1 00
Rock Mt ch, Alexander City .	44
Macedonia ch "	50
Pike Road ch, Pike Road....	2 00
Rev R T Pollard, Selma....	1 00
Total.....	77 80

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

SEPTEMBER

Rev W C Owens, B'ham.....	1 45
Rev A Winston, Russellville .	1 00
L P Pope, Gadsden.....	1 61
Zion ch, Barton.....	2 00
Cave Sp'gs ch, Tusculumbia....	1 00
Rev S L Belser, B'ham.....	1 00
Mission Board, Choctawhatchee .	50
Various ones through Rev. A. A. Battle, Anniston.....	3 00
Rev Wm Carter, Brick.....	1 50
Nameless.....	2 00
Rushing Springs Asso.....	12 00
Snow Creek Asso.....	2 00
Will's Creek Asso.....	6 83
Mr. Garret, Nottingham.....	50
Total.....	36 42

SELMA DIST.

SEPTEMBER

Blocton ch, Blocton.....	15
Mt Tabor ch, Centerville	3 65
Antioch ch, Harrisburg.....	1 55
Henry Bishop, "	35
H H Mason, "	25
Alonza F Calhoun, Harrisburg	25
Anderson Clark, Harrisburg .	25
A Lathen, Harrisburg	25
Lebanon Association.....	10 00
St John ch, Pickensville.....	1 00
Women's Society, Pickensville	1 50
W H Gavan, Pickensville....	50
Mrs " "	50
Rev Jas Howard "	50
Mt Hebron ch, "	1 00
Tuscaloosa ch, Tuscaloosa....	1 95
Dr. Warmick "	25
Mariah Robinson "	25
North Port ch, "	11
Total.....	24 36

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

OCTOBER

Mt Pilgrim Asso.....	30 00
Shelby Springs Asso.....	3 00
Shiloh ch, B'ham.....	5 00
Ashville ch, Ashville.....	1 10
Mrs. Foster, B'ham.....	1 00
Rev F J Brawley, Leighton .	1 50
Mt Calvary ch, Leighton....	2 14
Rev A Carmichael, Irondale .	1 50
Rev Keller, Woodlawn.....	50
Mrs McDullin, Irondale.....	35
Mt Canaan ch, Talladega....	1 50
Mrs Marks, Anniston.....	81

H C Cade, Anniston.....	26
Rev L A Jones, Creswell.....	25
Total.....	48 91

SELMA DIST.

OCTOBER

Lillie Star Association.....	6 05
Rev T M Parker, Blocton...	25
H P James, Blocton.....	25
Mt Calvary Association.....	1 94
E Echels, Coaling.....	50
E D Barnds, Coaling.....	25
E W Coles, Coaling.....	25
R F Farly, Coaling.....	25
C C Kempt, "	25
P H Herring "	50
D D Ross "	25
H J Johnson "	25
J G Grace "	25
Rev W M Bonger, Coaling....	95
Rev Y A Bonger, "	25
S Richard, "	25
Mattie McKing "	25
W H McKing "	25
N Brown "	25
S T Herring "	25
Uniontown Association.....	20 00
Sandy Ridge Asso.....	1 65
Rev E P Mixon, Vine Hill ...	50
Rev J H Mixon, Vine Hill....	25
Rev A B Blewins "	25
Rev E M Deyampert.....	25
Rev A Oden.....	25
Rev B B Sarshy, Vine Hill....	25
Rev E Mixon "	25
Jas E R Barnett "	50
Rev S M Mays "	25
W J Minter "	25
Glass Smith "	25
J M Peoples "	25
Rev D M Coleman, Selma....	50
Rev Jas Richardson.....	25
Mt Pleasant Asso.....	5 75
Wom. Miss. So., Sidonsville .	3 50
Ike King, Siddonsville.....	25
D C Collins, Sidonsville....	25
Phillip Drenn, Linden.....	25
Stewart Houston, Linden....	25
B. Y. P. U., Linden.....	1 00
Wom. Miss. So., Linden.....	1 00
Col. Bap't. ch., Linden.....	2 50
Total.....	53 64

MONTG'RY DIST.

OCTOBER

Rev. G Germany, Union Sp'gs	25
Rev. E D Childs, Gueryton .	50
Town Creek Asso	5 50
Eufaula Asso.....	8 15
Proxwell ch, Sprotts.....	1 00
Lilula ch, Hamburg.....	1 06
Unity ch, Milton.....	1 00
Rev S Jenkins' ch, Ft Deposit	50
Uniontown ch, Uniontown .	1 00
Rev. Jenkins, Ft Deposit....	50

Christian Light ch. Safford	1 00	Walter Gram, Coaling	25
Hopewell ch. Marion	2 10	W. M. McKinsy	25
Shiloh ch. Snow Hill	4 06	Rev. S. Richardson	1 10
Rev. H. R. Davis ch. Union Sp'gs	25	John Lands	25
Springfield ch. Robinson	55	Rev. S. Echels	50
Ramah ch. Calhoun	1 00	Sallie Johnson	25
Mountain Hill ch. Montg'ry	1 00	G. Lewis	25
Moal ch. LaGrande	40	New Asia ch.	2 65
Alabama Dis't Asso.	5 31	New Asia S. S.	2 00
Gallilee ch. Anniston	3 50	Central ch. Hamburg	1 58
Bethlehem ch. Sawyerville	1 00	Phill Jordan, Hamburg	25
Gallilee ch. Anniston	1 46	Good Hope ch. Brown's	1 21
Wom. Dis't Asso.	1 00	Mt. Zion ch. Massalon	20
Gallilee ch. Anniston	4 23	Green Liberty ch. Hamburg	30
Friendship ch. Anniston	1 03	Ensley City ch. Ensley City	25
Total	47 37	Total	14 31

MONTGOMERY DIST.

NOVEMBER

Tabernacle ch. Selma	1 50
1st. Bap't ch. Eufula	7 70
Total	9 20

SELMA DIST.

NOVEMBER

Oxmore ch. Oxmore	1 52
J. H. Johnson, Coaling	25
E. D. Bonds	25
Rev. D. L. Ross	1 00

TENN. VALLEY DIST.

NOVEMBER

Mt. Zion ch. Anniston	1 20
Gallilee ch. Anniston	2 82
Rising Star ch. Sylacauga	3 06
Ins. Friendship ch. Fayette	3 02
Shelby	80
Bessemer Association	3 00
Rev P S L Hutchins, Columbus	1 00
6th. Av. Bap't ch. B'ham	5 00
Total	19 10

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL MONEYS FROM DEC. 1, '96 TO DEC. 1, '97... \$ 723 67

Rev. R. T. Pollard raised in twelve months... 336 88

Rev. C. O. Boothe raised in twelve months... 242 15

Rev. W. H. McAlpine raised in three months... 44 65

Rev. W. R. Pettiford raised in four months... 99 89

Total... \$ 723 67

Balance cash from last year... 419 91

Grand Total... \$1143 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. R. T. Pollard on salary and expenses	\$ 333 19
Paid Rev. C. O. Boothe on salary and expenses	281 16
Paid Rev. W. H. McAlpine on salary and expenses	62 83
Paid Rev. W. R. Pettiford on salary and expenses	54 33
Paid Rev. C. J. Davis, Treasurer	20 00
Paid to stationery and stamps	1 50
Paid for telephone to W. H. McAlpine	40
To failure of the Commercial Bank	59 00
Lone to State Mission Board for State Convention Minutes	16 48
Lone to W. H. McAlpine for Depository	25 00
Lone to W. H. McAlpine for Rally barrels	10 00

Total expenses... \$ 863 89 1/3

Balance in favor of Board... 279 68 2/3

Cash from Ala. Dis't. Asso. for State Mission Board... 5 00

Total... \$284 68 2/3

August rally amounted to \$79.99. One-third of \$79.99 is \$26.66 1/3 plus 10 plus 5, is \$41.66 1/3, which goes to the payment on old claims of the State Mission Board.

C. J. DAVIS,

Treasurer of the State Mission Board.

NOTE—By mistake the New Antioch Bethlehem Association, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Rev. Wm C Bradford Moderator, Donation \$5 00, was left off the enrollment list

J. Pollard, Statistical Secretary

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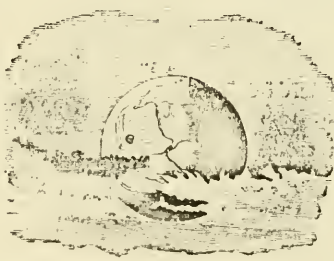
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Page 10, eight lines from bottom, "report" should be "part." Page 11, second line from bottom, "on" is omitted after the word pay.

Page 12, on 6th, line of Rev. Jordan's letter "send" is omitted before direct; before committee on obituary reported, the following sentence is omitted: "The special committee on grievance made its report which was adopted." Page 13, 22nd, line from top, \$2.15 should appear after collection for Rev. A. Z. Wilson.

Fourth Day, the word "we" on 8th, line should be "thou." Page 20, I. T. Simpson, should read I. T. Thompson. Page 21, 6th, line from bottom, between virtue and home, "of the" should appear. Page 24, last name on committee's report, should be T. W. Walker instead of T. W. Shields.

Page 25, the word "runioas" should be ruinous. Page 26, first word on 12th, line from bottom should be "forth" instead of "for the"; the words girl's should be girls' and boy's should be boys'.

Page 27, under receipts from tuition should be \$872.07 instead of \$872.05. Page 28, \$1466.72 should be \$1467.72; 500,000 members should be 50,000.

Debts of University, part of Dr. Dinkins report, page 37, should have appeared at bottom of page 32. In Finance Committee's report, the following churches were omitted: Mt. Davis, Waugh, \$1.50, 1st, Baptist, Selma, \$5.00, Harmony St., Ayondale, \$3.00.

Page 42, third line from top, \$221.13, should be 211.13.; on 9th, line, \$23.00 should be \$23.50.

Page 44, third line, \$25.00 should be \$125.00

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NOTICE.

The minutes were printed and delivered before the mistakes were discovered. In putting in this errata I have not noted all the typographical errors, but I have corrected those only which will assist in giving better understanding of the proceedings and reports and such as would cause some dissatisfaction on part of delegates. The manuscript is subject to inspection. The delay in getting out minutes is occasioned by the office not receiving material ordered for the job, for which I am not responsible.

SECRETARY.

ERRATA.

Page 2, second line, between Baptist and of the word Convention is omitted; at end of 4th. line instead of "year's" it should be years; 6th. line from bottom "solw" should be show; last line on page, "is" is left out between he and opposed, "pursued" is left out after the word foe.

Page 3, the word lead should be "led"; 5th. line "same" is omitted between the and God; under "Associations," Snow Creek should be Shady Grove; Snow Creek with Revs. W. M. Munds and F. R. Kennedy should appear but was omitted; "Aburn" should be Auburn.

4th. page, 22nd. line, B. Hufford should be B. Hubbard.

Page 7, the words "should be" in text of Rev. Maddox, Psalm 8:4, should have read "art."

9th. page, Evening Session, 6th. line, "to" is omitted between not and re-read, "h" is left off the word preach; the word "the" should not appear after "for" in the text Hosea 4:6.

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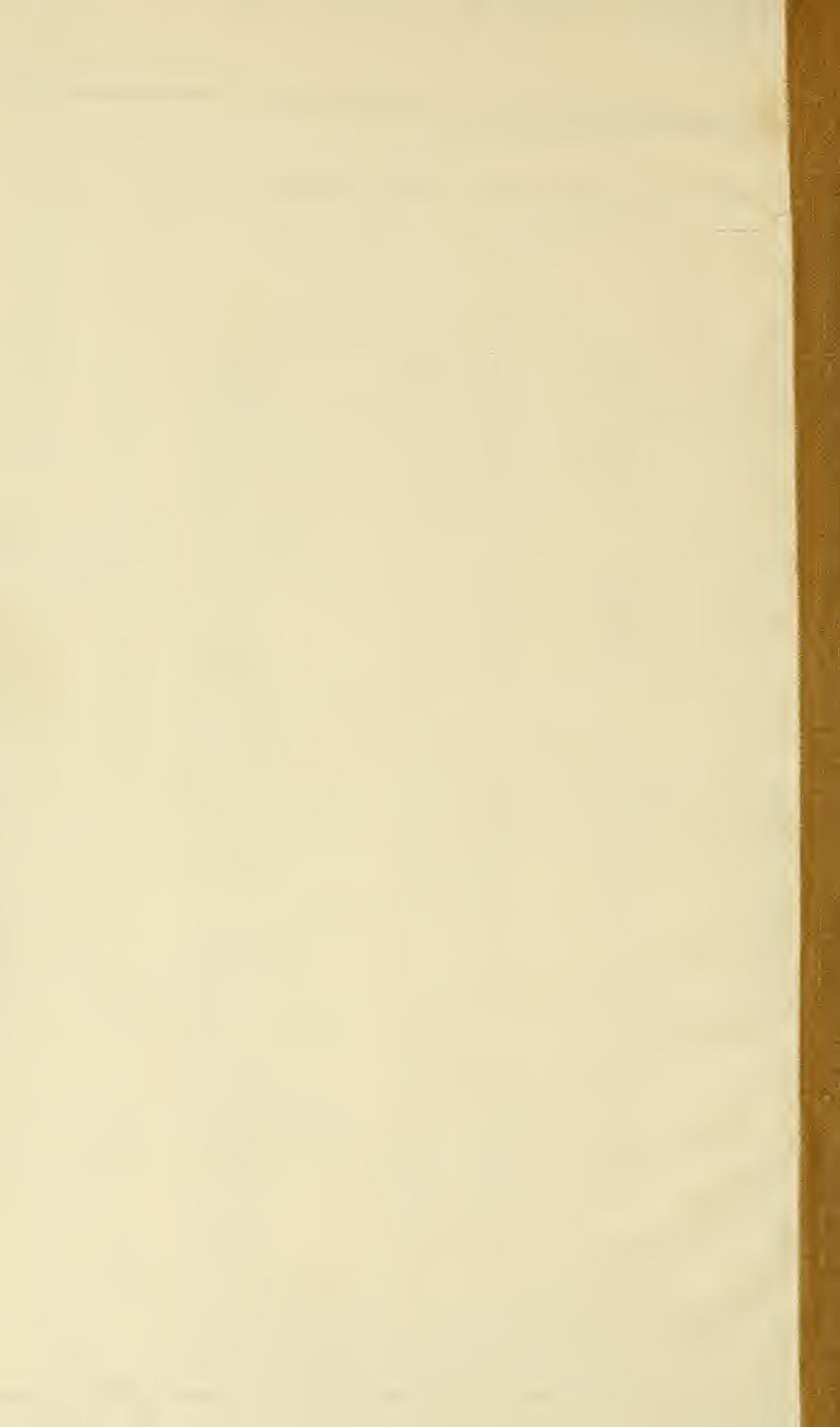
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Associations.	Moderators.	Mod's. P. O.	Clerks.	Ck's P. O.	No Churches.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Total Membership
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Dismission	By Expulsion	By Death	
Alabama District	Rev M Tyler, D D.	Lowndesboro.	Rev R T Payne.	Sandy Ridge.	47	398	80	204	43	181	82	7310
Alabama Midland.	Rev B Coles.	Fleata.	I C F Champion.	Fleata.	12	14	11	4		61	12	664
Auburn	Rev I T Simpson.	Opelika.	W Y Reid.	Opelika.	46	379	82	146	160	47	42	5019
Autauga	Rev A J Jones.	Deatsville.	Rev H L Carrol.	Independence.	17	90	20	24	13	45	19	1529
Bethlehem	Rev L Brown.	Epes Station.	Rev I Dawson.	Eutaw.	63	436	63	241	47	303	121	8111
Bethlehem, Blount Springs	Rev F A Chapman.	Flint Station.	W R Hall.	Bartonville.								1057
Bibb County.	Rev H E Doak.	Calera.	A T Thomas.	West Calera.	21	132	80	112	21	111	28	1015
Bessemer.	Rev G S Smith.	Birmingham.	Rev P Y Moulton.	Bessemer.	9	47	52	62	9	10	11	1528
Bladen Springs.	Rev C L Davis.	Dickerson.	J F Parker.	Coffeetown.	16	95	24	68	9	62	14	2806
Brownville.		Dudleyville.	Rev L W Calloway.	LaFayette.	16	226	14	73	49	122	35	1218
Bowen East.	Rev J H Garlington.	Carrollton.	J M Sanifer.	Jewel.	24	82	20	27	21	30	19	1260
Canaan, Pickensville.	Rev J W T Cunningham.											3096
Central.		Barlow Bend.	A R Davidson.	Tincie.	36	406	55	96	36	94	51	4723
Colored Bethlehem.	Rev Geo Washington.		H W Mitchell.		30	171	52	118	17	122	37	5130
Colored Bethel.	Rev C L Robinson.											1982
Canaan Grove.		Snow Hill.	I N Carter.	Monterey.	38	265	76	179	45	181	50	2779
Colored Union.	Rev R D Palmer.	Selma.	Rev D M Coleman.	Crumptonia.	36	256	14	164	86	131	51	528
Dallas County.	Rev T B Goldsby.	Roanoke.	Rev C C Smedley.	Welsh.	9	38	16	20	9	27	10	702
East Alabama Union.	Rev C C Terry.	Polk.	Rev A W Hatcher.	Selma.	24	173	16	136	36	71	31	528
East Dallas.	Rev B F Baxter.	Spratts.	G S Bolling.	Sturdivant.	6	45	11	24	10	35	10	795
East Perry.	Rev J A Jemison.	Alexander.	Rev Wm Sudduth.	Camp Hill.	20	155	23	23	7	4	22	9833
Early Rose.	Rev S C Colley.	Judson.	Rev J E Hutchinson.	Evergreen.	8	37	8	19	4			770
Evergreen.	Rev M H Hart.	Herbert.	Wm Ferguson.		54	659	135	298	133	301	113	1089
Evergreen.	Rev R McCrary.	Enfauka.	Rev W A Wilhite.	Massey.	21	59	6	10	14	30	16	1502
Flint River.	Rev J D Maddox.	Crowton.										859
Genever.	Rev J W Garth.	Desotenville.	H G Ruffin.	Pickensville.	12	80	2	38	7	38	12	273
Good Samaritan.	Rev G W Thompson.		R H Austin.	Trio.	9	61	10	8	4	10	5	273
Hardaway.	Rev G W Wood.	Gallion.	W E Sharp.		10	31	4	70	11	66	26	1502
Hope Hill.	Rev A Collins.											1502
Kintish.		Archer.	Rev James Howard.	Pickensville.	20	138	18	52	17	63	22	859
Lattle River.	Rev I Brizzell.	Vance Station.	J M Cleveland.	Trio.	20	64	72	61	22	77	9	273
Lebanon.	Rev T M Parker.		W M Thivest.		8	15	34	15	16	33	9	2850
Lille Star.	Rev B F Singleton.	Mobile.	J E Hughes.	Mobile.	30	108						1727
Mt Zion, Coosa Valley.	Rev C C Richardson.	Hyssop.	L W Whittaker.	Rockford.	19	136	25	31	30	35	25	6509
Mobile, Sunlight.	Rev J M McKinley.	Birmingham.	D D Hawkins.	East Lake.	18	702	311	254	167	475	180	6081
Morning Star.	Rev T W Walker.	Selma.	J C Curry.	Coaling Station.	50	338	177	197	81	105	92	221
Mt Pilegim.	Rev R T Pollard.	Dayton.	Rev W P Cook.	Demopolis.	4	22	13	4	11	9	0	2910
Montgomery Antioch.	Rev Wm Bouyer.	Courtland.	P G W Johnson.	Courtland.	25	139	17	47	27	118	20	6730
Mt Calvary.	Rev E W Shields.	Tuscaloosa.	H H Stewart.	Elebah.	53	467	129	152	60	219	113	709
Mt Pleasant.	Rev G B Johnson.	Selma.	G P Carpenter.	Coaling Station.	16	92	30	37	20	39	8	1958
Muscle Shoals.	Rev G Stringer.		W P Cook.	Hamburg.	25	163	32	79	12	65	30	1402
Mulberry.	Rev W C Bradford.		J H Stokes.		14	119	13	68	11	60	20	731
New Antioch, Bethlehem.	Rev J H Eason, B D.	Forkland.	W Q Bean.		6	31	2	4	1	6	4	237
New Cahaba.			S P Norwood.		10	5	18	25	17	28	9	618
New Pine Grove.	Rev J W Mathew's.	Abbeville.	L W Henshaw.	Mt Andrew.	14	74	18	37	29	135	33	2527
Needham Creek.	Rev J L Larkin.	Fitzpatrick.	Wm Mays.	Union Springs.	22	160	37	87				1475
Pant Rock River.	Rev C H Thornton.	Walker Springs.	F L Todd.									10489
Perote.	Rev M Jackson.	Talladega.	N D Drummins.									2551
Old Pine Grove.	Rev I Lewis.		Rev D Duke.									4687
Oak Grove.	Rev S A Rivers.		Rev A A Battle.									1765
Regular Free Mission.												5111
Rushing Springs.												2005
Round Island Creek.												152631
Salem.	Rev E Smith.	Burnsville.	W F Pruitt.	Clintonville.	14	137	11	61				291
Sandy Ridge.	Rev E P Ridge.	Selma.	T H Smith.	Jones Switch.	16	84	27	50	15			6975
Shady Grove.	Rev R E Brown.	Talladega.	G S Seay.	Valley Grande.	23	171	83	122	29	107		1200
Shelby Springs.	Rev J P Barton.	Troy.	B L Lester.	Aldrich.	32	248						1514
Sea Coast, Good Will.		Montgomery.	Walter Williams.	Glasgow.	16	139	26	19	22			2809
South East District.	Rev M C Lowry.	Columbia.	Rev B J Brown.	Meadeville.	32	217	90	73	50	79	26	1197
Spring Hill.	Rev A J Stokes, D D.	Anniston.	Rev F A E Beck.	Selma.	22	81	39	25	21	10	13	931
Tstar of Hope.	Rev J E Blackman.	Dayton.	D Trawick.	Newville.	20	113	62	98	11	151	47	1396
South East Alabama.	Rev J C Green.		S N Reel.	Alexandria.	31	208	28	53	11	11	29	2111
Snow Creek.	Rev W M Munds.		O J Washington.	Demopolis.	12	84	38	37	23	36	8	13338
Second Mt Pleasant.	Rev W M Green.		J M Dixon.		16	132	28	52	22	69	9	
St Mary's.	Rev John Cotton.	Troy.	G L Germany.	Ozark.	18	91	77	31	48	39	17	
Town Creek.	Rev M Ellington.	NewBerne.	B F Turpin.	Selma.	20	177	56	486	80	567	192	
Troy Ozark.	Rev W M Mullins.	Keener.	Rev C J Davis.	Ft Payne.	84	1021						
Uniontown.	Rev P S L Hutchins.		James M Binds.		17							
Will's Creek.	Rev H Massey.											
Wm Dorsey.												
Total						1475	10489	2551	4687	1765	5111	2005

Statistics taken from last years report. Associations not heard from.

The Secretary is able to report 71 Associations, an increase of two (2) over that of last year. These are the St. Mary and Bessemer. From these 71 Associations, returns have been received from 57, leaving 14 undeard from. In the Associations heard from there are 1475 churches with a membership of 152631. Calculating as is my custom, on the bases of two-third of the average of the 57 Associations, there are in the 14 Associations from which no returns have been received, a membership of 23,604, making a total membership in our state of 176,238.



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